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League Calendar

Mar 8 Wed	7-8:30 pm	LWVL-DC Board Meeting. <i>Lawrence High School Library, 1901 Louisiana St. LWV L-DC members are welcome to attend!</i>
Mar 11 Sat	7:00 pm	Land Use Committee meeting. <i>Lawrence Community Mercantile meeting room, 901 Iowa St.</i>
Mar 28 Tues	6:00 pm	Seventh Annual Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award Banquet. <i>Smith Center at Brandon Woods, 4730 Brandon Woods Terr. (See article and dinner reservation information on page 3.)</i>
Apr 12 Wed	7-8:30 pm	LWVL-DC Board Meeting. <i>Lawrence High School Library, 1901 Louisiana St. LWV L-DC members are welcome to attend!</i>
Apr 15 Sat	2-4:00 pm	Save the date! LWV L-DC Annual Meeting. <i>Location to be announced.</i>
Apr 20 Thurs	12-1:00 pm	April Brown Bag Lunch featuring speaker Becky Fast, from Congressman Dennis Moore's office. <i>Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont St.</i>
Apr 29 Sat	TBA	LWVK State Council. <i>Lawrence High School Library, 1901 Louisiana St.</i>

A Note from President Carrie Lindsey

Lawrence is preparing to host State Council in April. *We need a parliamentarian!* If you are interested in serving as the parliamentarian or helping out in other way, please contact Milton Scott, chair of the State Council meeting committee (842-9819; miltons123@aol.com). Look for more information on State Council in your February LWVK newsletter. (And, if you didn't get one, contact me right away!)

I had the pleasure of having lunch with LWVK President, Janis McMillen last week. We discussed the upcoming Council as well as other League topics. Kansas is very lucky to have such a dedicated, informed and active President.

Keep your eyes open for your membership renewal letter, to arrive in your mailbox soon. The League is only as strong as its active membership. Remember to recruit your friends and neighbors for membership. Being a League member is a great way to participate in your community. As a member of our non-partisan organization, you can remain civically active without needing to declare your every opinion. The League's mission "...encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy..." is *citizenship at its best!* In today's pessimistic and cynical world it is easy to disregard our personal responsibility to civic life. We vote, therefore we participate. But voting is really only minimal participation, the lowest common dominator in a plethora of civic conduct. Support the League and foil the cynics by remaining active citizens and encouraging those around you to participate.

Of interest to Lawrence–Douglas County League members...

The University Women's Club is holding a scholarship benefit with Nancy Kassebaum Baker as the featured speaker. She will speak about the "Challenge of Change." It will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the Kansas University Memorial Union in the Kansas Room, at 10:00 am. The price of admission will be \$25.00 and all proceeds will be used for scholarships for KU women students. There will be a reception following her presentation and all ticket holders are invited. For more information please contact Rita Spradlin (749-4107; ritaspradlin@aol.com).



Do you have a contribution for The Voter?

Send your article, announcement, or idea for a future item to Caleb Morse (842-7927; cmorse@ku.edu). All items should be received by the 10th of each month to ensure inclusion in the next newsletter.

Report on our January Brown Bag Lunch

Nine League members met with Congressman Jim Ryun's Field Representative Eric Haar at our Brown Bag Lunch on January 26. Mr. Haar began by informing us that the very next day was his last in Ryun's office. Consequently, he said, he would not be able to convey our comments to the Congressman himself, but he encouraged League members to contact the office with their concerns and suggestions. The Congressman serves on the House Budget, Financial Services, and Armed Services Committees.

Mr. Haar elaborated on several issues on which Ryun disagrees with Bush Administration policies, noting that he voted against the "No Child Left Behind" Act and the Medicare prescription overhaul, as well as other pieces of legislation supported by the Administration. Ryun is concerned that the new prescription drug plans will push up premiums, forcing more seniors onto welfare. He is displeased with some of Bush's spending proposals and has been working to cut growth of some federally funded programs.

That said, however, the Congressman has been generally supportive of Administration policies.

Ryun supports proposals to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He supported the invasion of Iraq (though he has concerns about how the occupation and rebuilding effort have been managed). He was an enthusiastic supporter of Bush's nomination of Samuel Alito to the US Supreme Court.

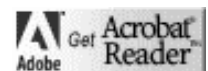
In a lively and wide-ranging exchange, we also discussed Ryun's opinions on earmarks (he favors their elimination), highway infrastructure (he supports a connection between I-435 and northern Leavenworth), public transit systems (he believes Amtrak should be a self-sustaining entity), and the Congressman's support of the "Build Homes" Act. This legislation would allow service men and women to treat military housing as income for purposes of applying for home loans.

Mr. Haar was not able to comment on the Congressman's opinion on monetary policy, the Lawrence Housing Authority's "Move to Work" supportive housing program, the recent victory of Hamas in the Palestinian elections, or the Bush Administration's program of warrantless wire-tapping.

Arla Jones keeps registering voters down at the LHS Library. Chalk up another 6 for January!

LWVK President Janis McMillen's Legislative E-Reports 1-3 are available on our website. Find out about legislative committees, issues important to League members, and the fates of individual bills by downloading this document from <http://community.lawrence.com/LeagueWomenVoters/>.

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Forrest Swall: Recipient of the 2006 Helen Fluker Award

The League has chosen Forrest Swall as the recipient for the seventh annual Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award. The Award is given each year to honor a Douglas County resident who has promoted improvement in government. Forrest was nominated by Sharen Steele of the Lawrence Breakfast Optimists for his work to inform local citizens about legislative issues through candidate forums for city and county commission, state legislature, and gubernatorial candidates.

Forrest's list of efforts and accomplishments toward open government is long, but he found most satisfying the results of his efforts to enact penal reform in local government. He created and chaired the Penal Reform Committee, initiated through the City Commission under then-Mayor Nancy Hambleton and through the County Commission, in which the Douglas County Mental Health Association, the League, and various other interested organizations and citizens participated. The group devised a plan for Douglas County that outlined alternatives to incarceration. It was not implemented at the county level, but Forrest and other Kansas Mental Health Association members traveled throughout the state to hold workshops and forums to educate the public about the Community Corrections concept. They encouraged citizens to become more involved with legislators and leaders in the criminal justice system of Kansas. These activities eventually led to the adoption of Kansas Community Corrections Act of 1977, making Kansas the third state in the union to adopt such a plan.

Forrest develops avenues for citizenry to engage with government both within his work and within his community involvements. He helped develop a statewide legislative conference through the School of Social Welfare, which brought together legislators from both sides of the aisle, the governor, and advocates and workers representing aging, mental health, mental retardation, and special education issues. In 1975, Forrest served as president of the Douglas County Mental Health Association and initiated an annual one-day pre-legislative session with area legislators. Earlier experience had taught him that advocates often had trouble communicating effectively with legislators once the legislative session began. These events gave local service agency representatives and interested citizens an opportunity to share concerns and suggestions with legislators, and for legislators to meet people providing services to their constituents. Through the Breakfast Optimists, Forrest organizes the above-mentioned candidate forums. He is also a member of the League (he was the second male member to join the local chapter), the Kansas Council on Crime and Delinquency, and the Unitarian Universalist Association, among others. He has endeavored to educate and to invite community participation in the legislative process through these organizations as well.

In addition to his activities to promote open government, Forrest champions diversity issues. He and his wife Donna are charter members of the Lawrence-Topeka Chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of People who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (PFLAG). They designed a workshop for school social workers and other professional and citizen groups to bring about greater appreciation and understanding of sexual and gender diversity in society. The workshop also teaches participants how to make schools—and society—safer for community members. Forrest and Donna also led an initiative to include sexual orientation and gender identity as part of the non-discrimination policy for students and staff in the Lawrence schools, making Lawrence the only school district in Kansas to include these categories in its policy.

Early in his life, Forrest coined a phrase for himself: "Those who care and know must act." This credo has governed his 39 years of education, social work, and activism and has continued to guide him after his 1997 retirement from KU. —*Sara Taliaferro, Fluker Award Committee Chair*

The Seventh Annual Fluker Award Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 pm at the Smith Center at Brandon Woods, 4730 Brandon Woods Terr. Dinner will be \$11 per person. Please contact Sara Taliaferro (842-4051; sara@happybeetle.com) by March 21 to make dinner reservations.

Summary of National and Local Program Planning Meeting

February 4, Lawrence Public Library. President Carrie Lindsey, Alan Black, Marilyn Chamberlin, Marjorie Cole, Marci Francisco, Richard Heckler, Betty Lichtwardt, Caleb Morse, and Paula Schumacher were present at the biennial meeting to review National and Local Public Policy Positions.

It was decided to go through first the national and then the local public policy positions, section by section, voting to retain the portions we liked and saving for discussion at the end those portions we questioned. There was a great deal of discussion, the results of which are presented below and will be brought to the Board meeting and then to LWV Annual meeting.

Three recommendations were made on LWVUS policies: [1] **Review and update** the Agricultural Policy position with a study focusing on the impact of the federal farm bills. The concern is that the current position's focus on reasonable prices to consumers has been at the expense of reasonable prices for farmers, a policy that has had detrimental effects on family farms in the United States and worldwide. [2] **Carry out a new study** on US immigration policy. The study might focus on how policy affects patterns of legal and non-legal immigration and how those patterns affect US communities, the communities from which immigrants come, and the immigrants themselves. (A similar recommendation was proposed by LWV of Johnson County.) [3] **Adopt by concurrence** with the position of the LWV Illinois a position advocating the abolition of the death penalty in the US. These recommendations were forwarded to LWVUS for consideration at National Convention in June.

Three studies were proposed by LWV L-DC: [1] **Review and update** the Land Use position with a study on the City/County comprehensive plan, *Horizon 2020*. [2] **Carry out a new study** of transportation, incorporating a more regional view of transportation into the environmental policy position (possibly a subsidiary of 1). [3] **Carry out a new study** of policies on sidewalk installation and maintenance in the city of Lawrence. These proposals were considered for recommendation by the Board and will be presented for adoption by the general membership at Annual Meeting in April.

— *Marjorie Cole, Secretary*

Updates on Civil Liberties Issues

The Senate voted to reauthorize the Patriot Act this week with some reforms but without bringing the law in line with the Constitution by restoring checks and balances. The House is expected to adopt a bill next week to amend the Patriot Act reauthorization bill conference report it passed last December.

A new poll of over 1000 Americans shows that a majority rejects the President's program of warrantless domestic surveillance and doubt that the President acted within the bounds of the law. Congress plans hearings to investigate the massive increase in National Security Letter (NSL) record requests.

Under the aegis of the so-called "faith-based initiative," some members of Congress and the Bush Administration are campaigning to allow taxpayer funds to be used for religious discrimination. Their proposals seek to grant religious social service providers—who have long provided admirable and essential services to America's communities—the right to discriminate, proselytize, and play by different rules than other charities while spending tax dollars. If these efforts are successful, social workers, psychologists, counselors, teachers, and others seeking to work in tax-funded social service programs could be denied jobs solely because of their faith.

With vital parts of the Voting Rights Act up for renewal, more citizens may find themselves deprived of equal access to the ballot box. The American Civil Liberties Union's television program *Freedom Files on Voting Rights* shows how communities are fighting manipulation of political districts, intimidation at polls, and undemocratic laws. *Voting Rights* airs on Link TV (March 9 at 7 pm) and on Court TV (March 11 at 11 am). For details, visit <http://action.aclu.org/site/R?i=HgL1ebmO9wAqIN8yActJTA>.

— *Mary Davidson, League Civil Liberties Monitor*

LWV L-DC Observer Reports

Lawrence Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees Meeting. 18 January. Present: Donna Osness, Lindy Eakin, Verdell Taylor, Gene Meyer, Sheryl Jacobs, Judy Keller, Allen Belot, Chuck Heath, Simon Scholtz, Chris Penn and staff.

Most of this meeting was in executive session with attorney Andy Ramirez.

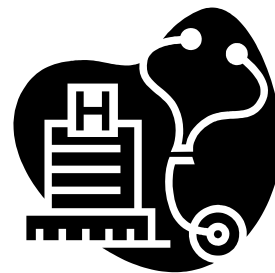
Gene Meyer, president and CEO, reported that LMH has hired Landplan to help develop its 21-acre site at the intersection of Church Street and K-10 in Eudora. Also, demand for hospitalists' services (hospitalists are physicians who limit their practice to hospital patients and specialize in emergency department work) has increased to the point that a fourth physician is needed.

Dana Hale, Vice President of Nursing, reported rapid growth in the number of angioplasties performed at LMH: 63 between December 18 and

January 17, up from 16 in the October/November period when the program began.

In 2005, Lawrence Memorial Hospital received \$523,000 from the Lawrence Surgery Center according to Joan Shearer, the Center's administrator. The Center's net income in 2005 was nearly \$1.25 million. It opened in 2000 as a joint venture between LMH and 18 physician/investors as a place for relatively well people to get quick operations. Last year, the Center's average patient visit was only 3 to 3.5 hours, and only three people had to be moved to LNH after their surgeries. Ms Shearer reported that patient satisfaction scores average 4.8 out of 5 in 2005 and that she expects the Center to be the site for 4000 surgeries in 2006.

—Carolyn Crawford, *League Observer*



Lawrence Public Library Board. February 20.

The Friends of the Lawrence Public Library is funding an eAudio program that will allow patrons to download audio books onto personal devices. The program will be available March 1. A bill still in process, but passed in the Kansas Senate on very short notice and with only four dissenting votes, would require libraries to place filters on their internet access and restrict circulation of R-rated videos. The library does note the birthdates of young patrons so as not to address overdue notices or other claims to small children, but it feels this should be on local library authority and does not want the state to demand this information. If passed and then violated, the law could restrict state library funds of about \$60,000 a year and possibly NEKLS grants to accredited libraries of about the same amount.

Director Bruce Flanders finds the library's outsourced security system unsatisfactory. There is too great a turnover of persons on duty and they

do not have police authority. Longterm individuals who know the community and the patrons and some of whom have police power—friendly cops like in the schools—are to be desired. Flanders plans to review the library's investment policies for best return on library funds. The Read Across Lawrence title is *The Center of Everything* by local writer Laura Moriarty.

Craig Penzler and others of the New Directions Taskforce will meet in study session with the City Commission to learn how large an expansion project can be planned. Can we plan a first class building with first class services now or must we agree on a less ambitious expansion now and think of further expansion later? It is understood that a first class main library should be implemented before satellite libraries are developed. Private development in the surrounding area could bring added tax revenue to the city, partially offsetting the need for increased taxes for library services.

—Mary Michener, *League Observer*





Willow Springs Township Board. March 1. Trustee Charles Wintermantle opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Present in addition were Jerry Smith, Clerk; Suzanne Evinger, Treasurer; Tim Kohler, road maintenance; Lyle

Bowlin, volunteer fire department chief; and Peggy Baker.

The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer distributed copies of the January and February budget sheets. January's were corrected copy as the final reports from the embezzlement case (previous treasurer's wife) had been made available.

All three board members attended the sentencing of Shelley Aucherman, who pled guilty to the theft by fraud of about \$124,000. She was sentenced to five months incarceration, six months additional house arrest (electronic anklet) and restrictions on travel, credit applications, etc. She expressed regret for the harm done her family but did not mention the taxpayers of Willow Springs

township. She will pay \$30,000 by check now and forfeit 5% of her earnings until the stolen amount is returned. Since the treasurer was bonded but not Shelley, there will be no reimbursement from the insurer.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to put \$50,000 into a short-term certificate of deposit to gain additional interest.

Purchase of culverts for replacement was approved.

The Fire Department's annual Pancake Feed fundraiser will be April 1, 6:30–10:00 am.

Roadwork to prepare the short distance of road between two ends of Wakarusa Township, near Hidden Valley, were discussed. Wakarusa plans to "chip and seal" the road, which has several newer homes and a platted section in the vicinity.

Discussion of concern that landowners of adjacent property sometimes build and landscape within the right-of-way. When the rights-of-way are sheared this can cause unpleasantness.

—Peggy Baker, League Observer

LWV L-DC Land Use Committee Report

January. The Land Use Committee met twice in January, first on the 15th and again on the 21st. The first meeting was to review the revised draft of the Lawrence Development Code in order to submit our comments to the Planning Commission (PC) well in advance of their January 25 meeting. We submitted CDs with our annotated comments to each planning commissioner, along with a list of requested changes based on League priorities.



Also before the PC January meetings, we submitted one letter on the proposed *Hierarchy of Plans*. The *Hierarchy* was an outline and description submitted by staff explaining the sequence and purpose of plans that should be adopted before land is opened to development or for other needs. At the top of the *Hierarchy* is the Comprehensive Plan, *Horizon 2020*, which includes the whole of Douglas County. Next in subject area size are Watershed or Sub-basin Plans, which are based on drainage basins. They have natural dimensions and generally wide boundaries. Below Watershed Plans are Sector (mile-square) Plans, within which are Neighborhood Plans, smaller still are "Special Area Plans," etc.

We were concerned that the language in the proposed text describing the purpose of each of the plans was not clear. Our greatest concern was that the described purpose of Watershed Plans gave no clear indication that its most basic function involves the study of stormwater runoff and potential for flooding within the watershed. It was characterized as "used to determine the long-term future (potential) for urban densities of development and their impact on the natural environment...." In contrast, our view of the purpose of watershed plans is just the opposite. In undeveloped urban growth areas *watershed studies are necessary to determine the impact of the natural environment on the*

potential for future development. Consequently, watershed plans and all subsidiary plans should map the environmental constraints and hazards *before* development occurs and identify risks to new development. A watershed plan should also indicate the impact that development will have on exacerbating storm drainage and flooding, so an important feature of a watershed plan will be to show how to preserve the natural storm drainage system.

We were also troubled by the stated purpose of Neighborhood Plans, characterized as primarily for developments already in existence. The League position calls for advance planning of neighborhoods as units in newly developing sectors *before* development is allowed to proceed, in order to provide a plan for the physical structure of living areas—including defined boundaries, detailed locations for residential and neighborhood-oriented non-residential uses, and an interconnecting circulation system that supports multi-modal transportation within each neighborhood unit.

February. After the February LUC meeting, we submitted four letters to the PC. The first letter regarded “Stultzland,” a 40-acre residential development, half of which was for duplex zoning. This project is located in the lower half of Section 29 an area that is undergoing rapid rezoning and subdivision beyond its planned sewer capacity, that has no neighborhood-type planning, and that appears to be experiencing very random development, most of which seems to be for multi-family. We asked for a moratorium on further development in the area until the new code is adopted and a neighborhood plan has been prepared for the section.

The second letter was in support of Accessory Dwelling Units for single-family housing, a feature included in the draft of the Lawrence Development Code. We emphasized that the major requirement must be owner-occupancy of one of the units. Although the original intent was to allow “granny units,” it expanded into a method for reclaiming older single-family neighborhoods that are being converted to rental housing and for providing affordable housing in both existing and new neighborhoods.

The third letter concerned rezoning requests for the “Mercato”. This project is planned for the far western part of Section 29, in the northern portion of the SLT/6th Nodal Plan and is constrained by the lack of sewer capacity in the Northwest Area. There are some other troubling features of the Mercato development: it does not seem to follow the adopted Nodal Plan, the zoning pattern is too intense, and proper transitions between the conventional multi-family (RM) and single family districts are lacking. We asked that the developers change the requested conventional RM zoning to a planned unit development, or wait until the new Code is adopted because of the inadequate provision for protection between transitional zoning districts of our current code.

The last letter was an appeal to the PC not to recommend a reduction to the 50-foot setback required by the current 6th Street corridor regulations. To change it required a text amendment. This was requested by the City Commission in order to approve the close proximity of the proposed Bauer development town homes bordering 6th Street. Our letter stressed the need for the setback in order to protect the residences from the “noise, dust, glare, and air pollution” created by the busy highway that is 6th Street in this location.

Coming up at the March 15 PC meeting: Rural Development Regulations. Please see these under the City/County Metropolitan Planning Division website: <http://www.lawrenceplanning.org>.

Welcome to our new member. *Please add her name to your roster!*

Mini Kaur
4717 Murfield Dr
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Welcome

LWV L-DC February Board Meeting in Brief



February 8, Lawrence High School Library.
Present: Carrie Lindsey, president, Marjorie Cole, Carolyn Coleman, Arla Jones, Caleb Morse, Paula Schumacher, Donna Swall.

The Treasurer's report showed current total assets to be \$18,522.59.

Carrie recommended four changes in League Policy. [1] Those authorized to check the PO Box should be the President and Membership Chair or other appointed Board member, not including the Treasurer. [2] Bank statements should be mailed to the PO Box. [3] New PO Box and bank signature cards should be changed after Annual Meeting, but prior to the first meeting of the new Board. [4] The Annual Auditor of the books should change every two years. A motion to adopt these changes passed unanimously.

Carrie announced that Carrie Moore is handling the Annual Audit this year.

Twenty Leagues in the US have agreed to carry out civil liberties monitoring for the Civil Liberties Listserv. Mary Davidson is monitoring for Kansas.

Committee reports. Paula announced that HoopsMania tickets could be sold until March 10. The 2006 State Council is set for April 29, at the Lawrence High School Library and the State League Board will decide on the speaker. Aline

Hoey will be the League representative to a Task Force on Housing.

Old Business. There was unanimous approval of a motion to adopt criteria for membership scholarships.

Forrest Swall has been chosen as the recipient of the Fluker Award this year. The Fluker Awards committee has also agreed to meet to develop a nomination form to be used in the future, so that all nominations will have similar types of information included.

There was discussion of the recommendations made at the February Program Planning meeting (see article on page 4), which included consideration of the other current projects we have still to complete and what appear to be diminishing numbers of interested participants in League activities. A motion to recommend no new local study passed unanimously.

A motion to develop a series of forums on "civics for everyone" passed unanimously.

New Business. The League is co-sponsoring an Immigration Forum on February 16 at St. Johns Church.

Forrest Swall has suggested that the League encourage local radio stations to air Democracy Now, a news program featuring Amy Goodman, and the board asked for more information.

Paula, Carrie and Arla are developing membership renewal letters.

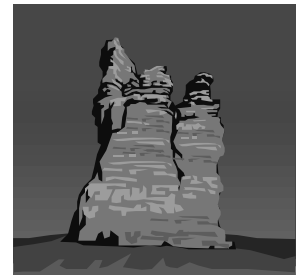
— Marjorie Cole, Secretary

LWK News

February 27. The State Board will be meeting Saturday, March 11, in Topeka, starting at 10 am. A major item on the agenda will be to finalize plans for State Council. If you have issues you would like discussed, please let me know. Board meetings are open to all members if you would like to attend.

State Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, in Lawrence. I encourage all League members to attend. We will be electing a 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and two Directors. Details of the program will appear in the next issue of the *Kansas Voter*.

Rebecca (Becky) Dudrey is the new President of the Great Bend League. Becky is replacing Pam Hyde, who recently was named Register of Deed for Barton County. Pam resigned her League position earlier in February to accept appointment to the county office, and plans to run for election to this



position this fall. Congratulations to Pam—it's always nice of have a League member in public office! And thanks to Becky for agreeing to step in mid-year!

The week of March 12–18 is Openness in Government Week: Let the Sunshine In. LWVK, in conjunction with the Topeka League, The Kansas Press Association, the Kansas Association of Broadcasters and the Sunshine Coalition, will be hosting an event in the Capitol on Tuesday, March 14.

Local Leagues were encouraged by LWVUS to hold public forums during Sunshine Week, and the Wichita Metro League was a grant recipient for their program—congratulations! Their event, to be held on March 15 at 6:30, will be televised live statewide on the public access station Cox Cable Ch. 22, with closed captions. There will be an on-screen email address and an 800 number for write-in/call-in questions. League members from across the state are encouraged to be present in the audience or send in questions during the program. The executive director of the KS Sunshine Coalition, Randy Brown, will be the “provocateur” and Vickie Stangl of LWV Wichita Metro will be the “keep-them-moving” moderator, reading the questions submitted from the public. Both Randy, a former reporter in print and broadcast media, and Vickie teach at Wichita State University (Randy in journalism; Vickie in political science. She also has experience with candidate debates from her years in Johnson County LWV.) Panelists include Theresa Bush, Assistant Kansas Attorney General; Bill Buchanan, Sedgwick County Manager; Les Anderson, Associate Director of the Elliott School of Communication at WSU; and Nicki Flynn, assistant news director at KWCH Ch. 12 Wichita. The program will be rebroadcast several times during Sunshine Week on Ch.22 and on KPTS on Sunday, Mar 26, at 2:00 pm, followed by a live “Ask your Legislator” program on open government in Kansas. That show may also be picked up by the other PBS affiliates in the state.
—Janis McMillen, LWK President

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 1 and ends March 31. 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.

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO:

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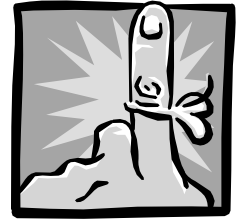
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**Don't forget to
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The Seventh Annual Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 pm at the Smith Center at Brandon Woods. Reservations must be made by March 21. (You'll find an article on this year's recipient and complete reservation information on page 3.)

It's almost time to renew your membership!

The League year begins April 1 and ends March 31. The expiration date for your membership is listed above your name on the mailing label below. If you need to renew, see previous page.

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