

## Calendar

- May 19**      **Board Meeting**  
Wed. 7 pm, Kay Calvert's, 1230 West
- June 23**      **Slide Show**  
Wed., 7 pm, Kay Calvert's, 1230 West, see Greetings from Kay
- August 11**      **Board Meeting**  
Wed. 7 pm, Kay Calvert's, 1230 West
- August 20**      **Summer Social**  
Fri., Time and place TBA (see article)
- September 15**      **Local Study Kickoff (Recreation), Guest: Tom McEvoy**  
Wed., 7:30 pm, St Mark's Lutheran Church, 1508 W. 12<sup>th</sup>
- September 22**      **Board Meeting**  
Wed. 7 pm, Kay Calvert's, 1230 West
- September 29**      **LCAT**  
Wed., 7:30 pm, St Mark's Lutheran Church, 1508 W. 12<sup>th</sup>
- October 13**      **State Study Introduction (Juvenile Justice)**  
Wed., 7:30 pm, St Mark's Lutheran Church, 1508 W. 12<sup>th</sup>
- October 20**      **Board Meeting**  
Wed. 7 pm, Kay Calvert's, 1230 West
- October 27**      **State Study Discussion and Consensus**  
Wed., 7:30 pm, St Mark's Lutheran Church, 1508 W. 12<sup>th</sup>
- November 10**      **USD 253/Technical College, Guest: Steve Harmon**  
Wed., 7:30 pm, Location TBA
- November 17**      **Board Meeting**  
Wed. 7 pm, Kay Calvert's, 1230 West
- December 10**      **Legislator Brunch**  
Sat., 9:30 am, Skyline Room, Emporia State University Memorial Union

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understand of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

## **Greetings from Kay**

This Voter be the last one until August. The calendar committee has met and the first part of the year appears on page one. As usual we will not meet this summer except for the Slide Show (June 23) which is strictly an event for fun. When Cathy brought the box of old clippings etc. so I could brush up on our history I discovered slides that had been taken over the years for various studies and other activities we have done in the past. I know there are slides of an old water study and the slides we used to sell the school bond proposal that built EHS and Logan Ave. Tracey will send out a reminder and I hope we can catch most of you in town.

Also during the summer we will be conducting our annual Fund Drive in the business community. If you are willing to make calls or help in any other way call Barb Jensen (343-1583). This is an important task not only for our financial health but for our visibility in the community so gather your courage and tell Barb you'll help. The other thing that will be going on this summer will be the efforts by the state and local study committees to prepare for our meetings next year. The BIG task for all of us is to have a safe and fun summer and we'll kick off our new year in August with the Social.

*Kay Calvert, President*

## **LWVK State Council Report**

Council 2004 was held April 24<sup>th</sup> in Overland Park. Emporia league members in attendance were Ann Havenhill, Barb, and Bill Jensen. The business conducted at the meeting consisted of election of new officers, approval of a new budget, adoption of action resolutions and directions to the board of directors.

The LWVUS presentation dealt with Membership, and its ties to Advocacy and Fund-Raising. Carol Woodward Scott the U.S. board liaison from Colorado gave an excellent presentation. The key point of the presentation was that increased engagement by members increases membership and giving to the league.

The report of the Juvenile Justice State Study was presented by Ellen Estes the committee chair. The key point of the study was there is no statewide uniform procedure for when a juvenile goes through community corrections.

The luncheon presentation was on judicial selection, election or appointment. Judge Robert Serra presented the case for election and Judge Steve Tatum made the case for appointment of judges.

The afternoon workshops were Membership/Advocacy presented by Carol Woodward Scott and Voter service presented by our own Ann Havenhill. The membership/advocacy program dealt deeper into the issues of membership growth, leadership and development.

Ann Havenhill made an excellent presentation regarding voter service. Ann covered the D-Net, how to use it, and what we're going to do with D-Net. The voter service presentation also developed topics for questions to ask state level election candidates for the state voters guide.

The state council overall was a highly productive day. Those attending all agree that we have much information to share with the Emporia membership and look forward to giving an update on membership, voter service, and the new action resolutions.

*Bill Jensen*

Editor's note: Expect a brief summary of the workshops at our Fall season kick-off meeting on September 15!

### **New Members**

Aloha and Bill Preston are our newest League members. They have been interested in League and what League does in our community for a long time. They have lived in Texas during the winter months for 28 years, preventing their previous involvement in League. They have sold their home there and are now full time Emporia residents again and we all look forward to their active involvement with us. Aloha has called Emporia home since she was 6 weeks old and Bill was born in Emporia. In earlier days Aloha taught PE at College of Emporia. Bill was with a finance company here in Emporia for several years and then taught accounting at Emporia State University before he retired. Add them to your membership list:

1707 Trowman Way, 342-7259

*Ann Havenhill*

### **March for Women's Lives**

On April 25, 2004, I was in Washington, DC with a million people. I was the only person at the Emporia Turnpike plaza, 2:30, Friday, to be picked up to go on this pilgrimage. The bus already contained five people from Wichita. The journey began after picking up enough people to fill two buses from Lawrence, Kansas City, Columbia and our last pickup at midnight in St. Louis. It was a 26-hr. ride for me. I knew none of the riders. We watched movies, read books, and attempted sleep. We stopped at weigh stations, truck stops and we were standing outside gas pumps at 4am to refill the bus. The law says we must. The bus holds 185 gallons of gas. We had roll call to make sure all passengers were accounted for and I was raising my sleepy hand at midnight, 2:30, 4:15, all in the am. The bus ride ended in DC at 7:30pm. The hotel bed was heaven. Others had plans to make it a memorable evening sightseeing and partying. We left the hotel at 7am. A bus ride to RFK stadium and a Metro ride carried us to the Smithsonian/Capitol Mall at 8:30. Gloria Steinem, Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Hollywood stars were there. I saw none of them in person. The TV screens convinced us that they were there. The march began at 12:30. For a while I marched. I sat down on a curb and a well-dressed lady with a clever sign asked me to join her on this bus stop bench and watch the crowd. We picked out our favorite sayings from those we read on the march and made copies and set them in front of us. New York, LA, Georgia, Phillie, Minnesota, Kansas were represented on that bench. People would stop, read the signs, laugh, give us a thumbs up, take pictures of us and ask where we were from and how we started this bench sit-in and we would tell them our hometowns and tell them we have no idea how this started. We stayed together for 2 ½ hours laughing and talking to all the sea of faces and signs dancing, marching & chanting by. My favorite chant (with a beat): Leader: What does democracy look like? Response: This is what democracy looks like. Leader: What does equality look like? Response: This is what equality looks like.

*Doris Slocombe*

### **Hot Topics Luncheon**

Fourteen people attended the highly informative and positively delicious Hot Topics Luncheon at Kay's house on May 12. Kristin Hutchison shared her perspectives on the role of the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) as representatives for children in the midst of contentious divorce cases. A GAL is appointed to advise the in child-in-need-of-care cases (usually handled by CASA representatives), and in divorce cases in which the parents are unable to reach an amicable custody agreement without the aid of a compassionate-yet-objective professional. Ms. Hutchison handles roughly 3 divorce cases per year. A typical case requires about 3 months to resolve and the resulting written report with custody recommendation usually allows out-of-court settlement of cases, saving all parties the expense and additional stresses of trial.

*Tracey Graham*

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

August sure seems like a long way off right now, but with our busy schedules, you can bet it'll be here before we know it. We'll have our annual Summer Social on August 20, date and location to be arranged. Be sure to get this on your calendar now!

## **Statements of LWVUS National Positions, The Series Continues:**

**Natural Resources:** Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

**Resource Management:** Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

**Environmental Protections and Pollution Control:** Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

Air Quality: Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.

Energy: Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.

Land Use: Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.

Water Resources: Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater, and drinking water.

Waste Management: Promote policies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes.

Nuclear Issues: Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

**Public Participation:** Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

**Agricultural Policy:** Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

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