



Calendar

February 22	Flint Hills Tech Governance Wed. 11:30, Skyline Room, ESU Memorial Union	Go through the line in the Skyline Room to get your lunch. Meeting begins at noon in the PDK Room. Our Guest will be Dr Hollembeck, the new President of the Technical College.
March 4	Eggs and Issues Sat. 8 am, Presbyterian Manor	Well-attended sessions with legislators, members of the media, & local lobbyists.
March 8	County Study/Chamber Effort Wed. 7 pm, St Marks	Cathy Hoy will discuss the recent Chamber-sponsored study on county government. We may do a "mini-study" to adjust our existing consensus statement.
March 9	Day at the Capitol Thurs. 8:30-1, Topeka	A great day for all participants!!! See "Day at the Capitol" article below for more details.
March 15	Board Meeting Wed. 7 pm, 1230 West St.	Come even if you aren't on the board!
March 29	Annual Meeting Wed., 5 pm, FH Tech College	A tour of the new facility, a special dinner prepared by culinary students, and our only business meeting all year. Details follow in this issue.
April 1	Eggs and Issues Sat. 8 am, EHS Library	Well-attended sessions with legislators, members of the media, & local lobbyists.
April 12	State Study: Mental Health Wed. 7 pm, St Marks	Jacque James will head our first local meeting to discuss the state study on mental health.
April 19	Joint Board Meeting Wed. 7 pm, 1230 West St.	The new board meets with the outgoing board to ensure a seamless transition. Come even if you aren't on the board!
April 26	Hot Topics Wed., noon, 1230 West St.	Keith Beatty, City Engineer, will speak about the turnpike realignment. Kay's cooking lunch! (More details in next Voter)

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

**Information on the Kansas League of Women Voters can be found at <http://lwvk.org>
The National League of Women Voters is at www.lwv.org**

Kay's Komments

It is hard to believe that it is time for the Voter with all the Annual Meeting information in it. Please read all the information about the budget, proposed bylaw changes, program, and the nominating committee reports. Remember this is the only meeting of the year that you are subjected to dealing with the nitty gritty of the organization, but it is very important that we have many members there to give the Board directions for the next year. We will have dinner prepared by the Tech College chefs and tour the new addition to the building. Please plan to bring your spouse or significant other so we will have a big crowd for dinner. I will be taking the reservations for the dinner. More details are in this Voter.

We have had two very interesting meetings as of this Voter. Patti Gilligan provided a lot of information about Emporia housing. We agreed on a slight adjustment to our position statement on Housing, which is elsewhere in this Voter. Lougene Marsh updated us on the FH Health Center at noon at the ESU Union. There was a good crowd at that meeting. I guess we like to eat while we get our information. We will be discussing meeting times at the Annual Meeting so if you have opinions, that is yet another reason to come.

Kay Calvert

Day at the Capitol, March 9

LWVK Day at the Capitol is set for Thursday, March 9, and AAUW will join us. Registration (\$20) will begin at 8:30 at the First Presbyterian Church, Willard Hall, on the southwest corner of 8th and Harrison. While enjoying coffee and pastries, we will discuss current legislation of interest to League and AAUW, present talking points on some specific bills, then visit legislators and sit in on committee meetings. We agreed on the topic of Health Care for our luncheon speaker. An invitation is currently pending to an individual who is in the health care field and can update us on "Citizens Hearing Meeting on Health Care", a recent program in the Kansas City area and one of many occurring across the country and supported by recent federal legislation to engage citizens around the country in a dialogue on health care. LWVUS is supporting this effort and encouraging involvement of local Leagues.

If you haven't been to the Capitol this year, Day at the Capitol would be a good time to view the newly renovated Senate Chamber and Senate offices in the east wing; all have been restored to their original form, complete with "period" furniture – very elegant. A similar renovation is occurring in other wings of the Capitol, resulting in the displacement of about 50 legislators to offices in the Docking State Office Building, just west of the Capitol. Also, the Capitol Dome has just reopened – if you are interested in a view from the top (following a climb up a flight or two of stairs).

Janis McMillen, LWVK President

LWVE ANNUAL MEETING, March 29 at Flint Hills Tech College

5:30 PM: Registration and Gathering Time

5:45 PM: A Buffet Dinner to be served by the Culinary Arts Dept.

6:40 PM: Tour of the new building recently opened at FHTC

7:30 PM: Annual Meeting

Please call or email Kay Calvert to make reservations for the dinner.

BUDGET YEAR 2006-2007

BUDGET 2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET 2006-2007

INCOME

Regular members	\$1,280.00	\$1,440.00	(36 mbrs x \$40)
Household members	780.00	660.00	(22/2 mbrs x \$60)
Student members	20.00	0.00	
Total Memberships (58)	\$2080.00	\$2,100.00	
Member contributions	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	
Unrestricted non-member	1,500.00	600.00	
Ed Fund	50.00	100.00	
Total Contributions	\$1,900.00	\$ 950.00	
Interest Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 125.00	
Other Income	0.00	0.00	
Meals	225.00	200.00	
From Reserve	285.00	560.00	
Total Misc Income	\$ 560.00	\$ 885.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,540.00	\$3,935.00	

EXPENDITURES

LWVUS ED Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	
Total Misc Expenses	\$ 50.00	100.00	
General Supplies	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	
Postage	40.00	25.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	50.00	
Meals	175.00	175.00	
Total Operating Costs	\$ 290.00	\$ 270.00	
President & Directors	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Finance Drive	75.00	75.00	
Membership/Meetings	150.00	225.00	
Legislative Action	0.00	0.00	
Total Boards & Committees	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	
State Council/Conventions	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
National Convention/Council	200.00	200.00	
Workshops/League Day	200.00	200.00	
Delegates	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
PMP LWVK	\$1,030.00	\$ 945.00	Actual total PMP (Per Member Payment) individual = \$41.80 household = \$62.70
PMP LWVUS	1,094.00	1,150.00	
National & State Support	2,065.00	2,095.00	
Voter Printing	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	
Voter Postage	75.00	50.00	
Supplies	15.00	15.00	
Total VOTER	\$ 240.00	\$ 165.00	
Publications	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Program - all levels	50.00	50.00	
Guide to Government	800.00	0.00	
Voter Service	25.00	25.00	
Ed Fund Grant Service	0.00	100.00	
Educational Activities	\$ 895.00	\$ 195.00	
Action in the Community	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
To Reserves	0.00	0.00	
Web Page	125.00	160.00	
Action in the Community	\$ 150.00	\$ 185.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,540.00	\$3,935.00	

Proposed local program

A study of the services available for senior citizens in Lyon County. Because of the many layers of government involved in providing the services, this would be an information-gathering study and might not lead to action.

Kay Calvert

Proposed By-Laws Changes:

ARTICLE I:

Sec.1: Name.

The name of the organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Emporia, Incorporated.

The LWVE Executive Board is proposing that this line be changed to read :

The name of the organization shall be the Emporia Regional League of Women Voters.

ARTICLE V: Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Emporia, Inc., shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and take office on the first day of the Fiscal Year after the Annual Meeting. Two people may share one office. ***President, First Vice President and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years for terms of two years. Second Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years for terms of two years.***

The 2005-2006 nominating committee is proposing that these two sentences be changed to read:

President, First Vice President and Secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years for terms of two years. Second Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years for terms of two years.

ARTICLE VIII: Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee shall consist of ***five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board,*** shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these ***offices*** shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other ***members*** shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be ***sent*** to the Committee by any voting member.

The 2005-2006 nominating committee is proposing that these two sentences be changed to read:

The Nominating Committee shall consist of ***three members, of which one shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and one member, who shall not be members of the Board,*** shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these ***positions*** shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other ***member*** shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be ***given*** to the Committee by any voting member.

Nominating Committee Report

To be elected at Annual Meeting:

President: **Tracey Graham**
1st VP: **Jacque James**
Secretary: **Susie Aber**
Directors: **Marty Hager**
Sherry Backhus
Barbara Blaufuss

Continuing:

2nd VP: **Betty Campbell**
Treasurer: **Jack Havenhill**
Directors: **Jackie Scott**
Mary Everhart
Diana Solis

Nominating committee: **Lois Schrock, Margaret Davidson**

Nominating Committee: Sarah Wyrick, chair; Barbara Blaufuss, Ann Havenhill

REPORT: Housing Study, 1985, updated 2005

Following an update study of Rental Housing code of Emporia the League of Women Voters of Emporia conclude that the code is beneficial to both landlords and tenants, and serves to maintain the quality of housing.

On December 21st of 2005, Ordinance # 05-36 amended the code to contain:

“All plumbing serving the rental unit must be properly installed whether in the bathroom, kitchen or basement. A landlord is not required by this code to provide a kitchen, or basement sump pump, but if provided, they must be in proper working order.” The ordinance also repealed the sunset provision, and included and incorporated the ordinance in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emporia, KS.

Suggestions by the committee to L.W.V.E. and City of Emporia (Housing Office & City Commissioners) are that due to the code is complaint driven we support all efforts to educate the people who would be effected by the code. We stress the need for updated signage of the code and directional signs to the Housing Office be made, to include being in Spanish and more visible.

Cathy Hoy/Jackie Scott/Diana Solis

REPORT: Voter Service - Emporia Leaguers run election at EHS

Several members of the Emporia LWV spent the morning of January 10th assisting with the election of the Winter Sports King and Queen at Emporia High School. Besides assisting the students in the use of the electronic voting machines used in Lyon County, the Leaguers answered questions about elections and encouraged the young people to participate in the election process when they were old enough. The group also registered many students who will be 18 prior to the elections in the Fall of 2006. Those helping with this project were Catherine Brown, Marty Hager, Doris Slocombe, Ann Havenhill, Tracey Graham, Kay Calvert, Jack Havenhill and Karen Hartenbower.

Ann Havenhill

REPORT: Roe Vs. Wade Celebration

On January 19, Kay and I joined an enthusiastic crowd for a rally in celebration of the 33rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. We visited with Don Hill, and dropped in at Jim Barnett's office to leave a message, delivering packages of information and expressions of support for Pro-choice (provided by the Kansas Choice Alliance). It was great to spend a day with others who value the ability to choose and we were reminded that one of our greatest enemies is complacency.

Tracey Graham

Member News: Welcome Back Steve Harmon!!!

We're very pleased to welcome LWVE member Steve Harmon back from serving the past two years with his reserve unit.



Wanted: Voter Service Chair

Duties: attend board meetings, organize registration efforts, coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce for candidate meetings, and supervise publishing of Voters' Guide in election years. You will be paired with a former V.S. chair for the initial planning. For more info, call Ann Havenhill at 342-7944.

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