



August 2019

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Aug 15 (Thursday): Noon-1:00 p.m.

Nebraska History Museum
Brown Bag Lecture Series.
*Grace Crandall Richardson:
Nebraska's Persistent Suffragist*
**Nebraska History Museum,
131 Centennial Mall North,
Lincoln**

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Aug 16 (Friday): 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Votes for Women
Opening Reception
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Aug 26 (Monday): 5:30-7:30 p.m.

LWVNE 100th Anniversary
Kickoff Celebration for 19th
Amendment and League Birthday
Featuring District Court Judge
Laurie Smith Camp
**Grain Exchange Room, 7th Flr,
1905 Harney St, Omaha**

See article at bottom of this page.

Sept 5 (Thursday): Noon-1:00 p.m.

LWVLL Lunch & Learn.
*Speaker and Topic
To Be Announced*
**Graduate Hotel,
141 North 9th Street, Lincoln**
See article at right.

Oct 28 (Monday): 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Dark Money: Montana to
Nebraska & Beyond*
**Cornhusker Bank,
8310 O Street, Lincoln**
See article at right.

Save the Date: Lunch & Learn Resumes on September 5

The popular League of Women Voters Lincoln/Lancaster County Lunch & Learn series will resume its normal schedule, September through May, noon – 1 pm, beginning Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the Graduate Hotel, 141 N. 9th St. Luncheons are planned for the first Thursday of each month from September through May, except for January when the event will be moved to the second Thursday to avoid placing it too close to a holiday.

The Lunch & Learn committee will meet in mid-August to finalize plans for the September luncheon; watch our September newsletter, or our website <https://lincolnleague.org/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LWVLincoln/>, for a schedule of 2019-2020 speaker topics and other details.

Save the Date: *Dark Money: Montana to Nebraska & Beyond*

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln/Lancaster County and Common Cause Nebraska are joining with OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) to show the movie *Dark Money: Montana to Nebraska & Beyond* at Cornhusker Bank, 8310 O Street on October 28 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. This event is **free** and **open to the public**. Information on registering to attend will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

For those who are interested, followup classes will be offered on Nov. 4, 11 and 18. Watch our future newsletters for details on registration and costs for the followup sessions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF!

Monday, August 26th, 2019 5:30 PM-7:30 PM 7th floor, Grain Exchange Room (1905 Harney St., Omaha)

This celebration in August will be our kick-off to our recognition of the 100th Anniversary of both the 19th Amendment and the League of Women Voters on Monday August 26, 2019.

August 2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the Nebraska passage of the 19th Amendment. August 26 is also Women's Equality Day!

We hope you can join us for a dinner and a program on the 19th Amendment, featuring Judge Laurie Smith Camp, Senior District Judge of the United States District Court, District of Nebraska. Please RSVP to candide@lwwgo.org so we will know how much food to order. We hope to see you there!

From the Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting

Elections at the May 11 AGM added two new members to our Board of Directors. Maura Kelly and Maureen Ose have now joined our Board. The current members are:

Mary Boschult,	President, Voter Services
<i>vacant</i>	Vice-President
Jim Johnson	Secretary
Sue Howe	Treasurer
Kristen Anderson	Facebook
Sandy Blankenship	Membership Chair
Nancy Comer	
Karen Dienstbier	Lunch and Learn Committee Chair
Maura Kelly	
Maureen Ose	Webmaster

Paula Eurek has resigned from the Board but has taken on several key projects for the Board. Paula is revising the Directory of Elected Officials and has agreed to assist with updating the Yearbook.

Sheryl Wright who served as our Membership Chair for many is now serving as a member of the Education Fund.

Lincoln League bylaws were revised at the Annual Meeting and current version can be found on our website www.lincolnleague.org. Primary changes were to coincide with recent changes by LWV-US to lower membership age from 18 to 16 years and remove citizenship as a requirement for membership. In Lincoln we changed the title of President-Elect to Vice-President. Bylaws can be found on our website www.lincolnleague.org.

Grace Crandall Richardson: Nebraska's Persistent Suffragist

When: Thursday, August 15, 2019, noon to 1:00pm

Where: Nebraska History Museum

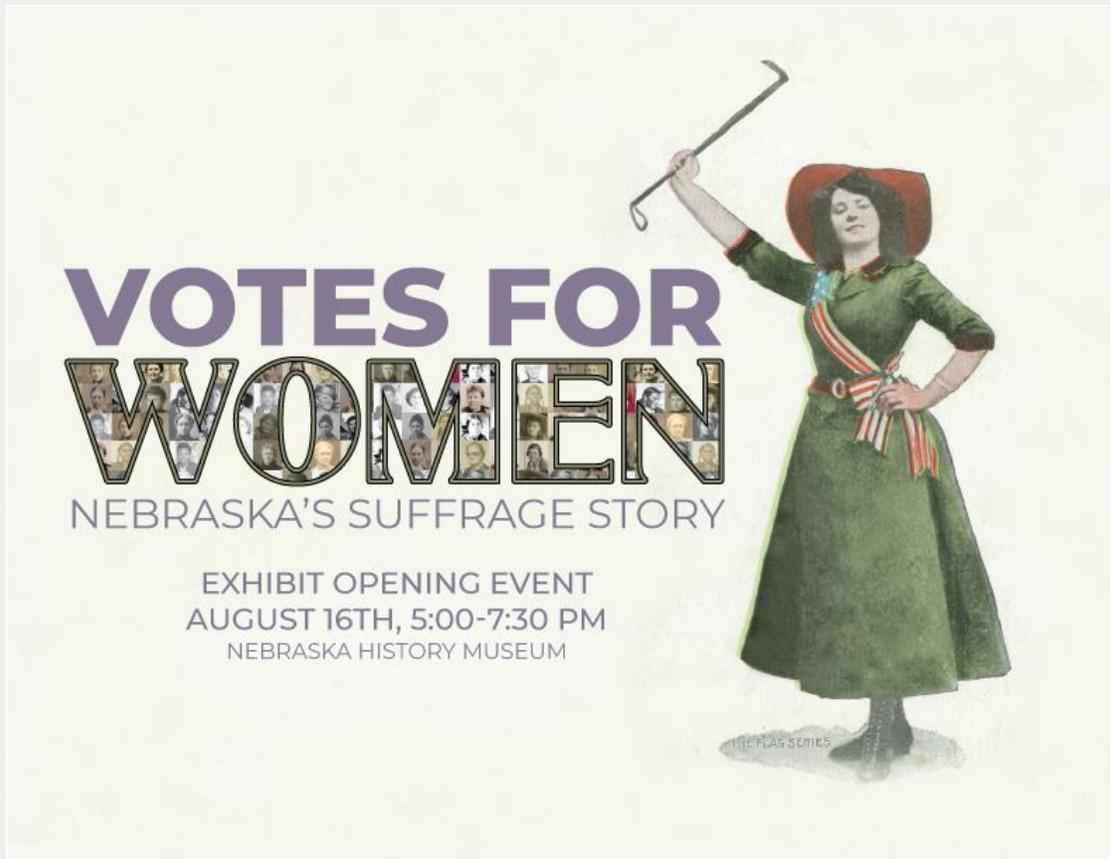
Dr. Amy Forss, chair of the History Department and Social Science co-representative at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, will unpack Grace Crandall Richardson's personal scrapbooks to offer insights into the life of one of Nebraska's fighting suffragists.

Images and personal memories outline Richardson's campaign and her role in the 1917-1919 Nebraska Supreme Court case *Barkley vs. Pool*. Included in the presentation are photographs and artifacts from the History Nebraska collection and excerpts from the unpublished autobiography.



Votes for Women Opening Reception

Friday, August 16th, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm



JOIN US

Nebraska History Museum

131 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE

Celebrate the centennial of Nebraska women's suffrage!

***Votes for Women: Nebraska's Suffrage Story* opening reception**

- See authentic banners, posters, clothing from this crucial civil rights struggle
- Learn about the women (and men) who worked for decades to win Nebraska's battle for the ballot
- Experience the passion and power of historic re-enactors depicting suffragists Clara Bewick Colby, Susan B. Anthony and Rheta Childe Orr
- Create your own suffrage slogan in our 1919 parlor
- Take a selfie on the suffrage float
- Uncover the suffragist legacy in today's political landscape
- Hear prominent Nebraska women reflect on the state's past and future.

Refreshments, live music, and voter registration!

Free and open to all

Celebrating the 19th Amendment: Women's Rights Here and Abroad

2019 OLLI Fall Symposium

Date: Oct. 19, 2019 Time: 8:30 am–2:00 pm

Nebraska Innovation Campus Room: Conference Center
21021 Transformation Drive
Lincoln NE

Contact: Patricia Saldana, 402-416-1543, psaldana2@unl.edu

Join us in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that granted women the right to vote.

Sponsored by OLLI and Global Perspectives: The Winter Lecture Series and the League of Women Voters, the program will feature scholars from the University of Nebraska and other institutions, as well as Nebraska women in elected office.

Hear about the history of the struggles for women's suffrage; the impact of women in elections over the past century, as well as women's involvement in elective office; and the status of women's rights on a global scale.

The keynote speaker will be Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, professor emeritus at the Wilfrid Laurier University in Hamilton, Ontario. Dr. Howard-Hassmann has written several significant books and articles on international women's rights. She was also so a consultant for the creation of UNL's undergraduate program in Human rights.

Additional Public Info:

This event is open to the public. Membership is not required.

Registration Deadline: Fri, Oct 11

Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Cancellation after the registration deadline will be non-refundable. Please contact the OLLI office if you have specific dietary restrictions.

<https://olli.unl.edu/events>



Final Report for Give to Lincoln Day 2019

Thank you to the following *Give to Lincoln Day* donors to the LWV/LL Education Fund in 2019. Through your generosity we raised \$2917.89

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The Directory of Elected Officials should be published soon.
Your Ed Fund dollars at work!

Back to Basics with the SNAP Program – April Lunch and Learn

By Dick Dienstbier

James Goddard, Esq., Nebraska Appleseed gave us a complete picture of what the SNAP program does for those below the poverty line in Nebraska.

The need: Almost 13% of Nebraska households are food insufficient, and more than 16% of households with children are food insecure.

Who receives SNAP benefits? Formally called the “food stamp” program, SNAP provides funding for food. Still the average level of support is \$1.25 per meal per day. In NE the amount depends on the income of the family and how many people are in the household. Undocumented immigrants are not allowed to apply. Generally, one must be a citizen, although some immigrants may qualify for the program. College students are not normally allowed to apply for the SNAP funds. Drug offense convictions will get one banned from the program for life. To maintain ones eligibility in a household with no children one must work 20 hr. per week if one hopes to keep the benefits beyond 3 months.

How are benefits dispensed? Recipients use an EBT card (Electronic Benefits Transfer) to pay for their food. It is much like a credit card. Excluded items include toiletries, paper products, and tobacco.

Who pays for SNAP? SNAP is funded 100% by the federal government. NE pays only 50% of the costs of administering the program. Although the rules are set at the federal level, the states have flexibility in administration. States may impose conditions that limit the amount of federal dollars they dispense. As a conservative state, NE does not use all of the federal dollars that are available. However, because SNAP participants spend their money right here in Nebraska our economy in 2017 was boosted by more than \$240,000. Obviously being restrictive in dispensing federal funds harms both our poor and Nebraska’s economy.

Other issues of note:

In 2019

- Two of Nebraska senators are offering two bills to help support those in need. LB 255 (McCollister) Would reward work and upward mobility by addressing the “cliff effect”
- LB 169 (Hunt)
 - Would help people reenter the community by partially removing the SNAP drug offense ban (for those completing treatment programs)

2018 Farm bill was reapproved as it is. The House version would have been a much harsher version. SNAP funds can be made available to some Nebraska residence after the floods or other natural disasters.



May Lunch & Learn – Meg Mikolajczyk discusses Planned Parenthood and Title X

By Dick Dienstbier

Meg Mikolajczyk described relationships between Planned Parenthood (PP), Title X and Title X funding, and our State government.

In the days of Title X funding coming to our NE PPs, no one was turned away for lack of funds, and payment was requested on a sliding scale. Even non citizens were given care. Although Title X supported reproductive health care through centers throughout NE, one third of the Title X funds distributed in NE went to the PP's.

The Governor's efforts to cut funding to the PP of NE were through the imposition of rules for separating any abortion-related services from the other services. The required separation included physical separation into different spaces, financial separation, and separation of all health care staff. Those rules effectively denied Title X funding to the NE PPs. Even with those lost funds, PP in NE has experienced no reduction in patient numbers.

The NE rules became a model for newly crafted federal rules, and those federal modifications included the opening of Title X funds to agencies that were previously ineligible, including those not licensed as health care facilities. Along with that new "openness" the Trump administration emphasized "abstinence-only" service providers and advanced a new "gag rule" that, if put in place, would have effectively restrict Title X funds from most of the providers (including PPs) that previously provided Title X services.

Senator Patti Pansing-Brooks introduced a bill in the NE legislature to grant Title X funds only to agencies that are licensed health care facilities that offer gynecological services and that followed HIPPA requirements. With the new separation requirements taken out of the budget bill Senator Panning-Brooks bill is currently on hold.

Based on the observation that the new federal modifications were arbitrary and not based on science, opposition developed in response to the federal modifications. Specifically, injunctions were initiated by the National PP in cooperation with the AMA, ACLU, and the attorneys general from several states.

In NE, the progressive NE Family Planning Council received Title X award for support of the services previously provided by PP and other agencies, but our NE HHS managed to lose those federal funds.



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