



October 2019

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Oct 3 (Thursday): Noon-1:00 p.m.

LWVLL Lunch & Learn.

Separation of Powers.

Jo Potuto, J.D., Richard H.

Larson Professor in the NU
College of Law.

Graduate Hotel,

141 North 9th Street, Lincoln

See L&L schedule on pg 2.

Oct 19 (Saturday): 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Celebrating the 19th Amendment

2019 OLLI Fall Symposium

Nebraska Innovation Campus

Room: Conference Center

2021 Transformation Drive

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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.

October 3 Lunch & Learn Focuses on Separation of Powers

The October 3 League of Women Voters Lincoln-Lancaster County Lunch & Learn Meeting will be held this Thursday, October 3rd, noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Graduate Hotel, 141 N. 9th St.. This month's speaker is Jo Potuto, J.D., H. Larson Professor in the NU College of Law, speaking on Separation of Powers. Luncheon costs \$15 for members. \$17 for nonmembers. Includes speaker, buffet lunch and gratuities; binding reservations due by Monday, September 30th, 2019. Call 402-475-1411 or email lwv-ne@inebraska.com.

Lunch and Learn events are scheduled each month from September through May. Luncheons are normally the first Thursday of each month; however the January 2020 and April 2020 luncheons will be held on the second Thursday due to scheduling issues.

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.

**There will be followup classes on Nov. 4, 11 and 18.

Directions for registering will be provided October 1.

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

This year's NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet is on October 12, 2019, at the Marriott Cornhusker, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Karla Cooper, pastor of Allen-St. John AME Church in Kansas City, MO. She is the former pastor of Quinn Chapel AME Church in Lincoln, NE.

Dr. Cooper has dedicated her life to fighting for social justice. As a resident of Lincoln, she was front and center of efforts to organize against injustices occurring at the local, state, and national levels.

The theme this year is "When We Fight, We Win!" For over 100 years, the local branch of the NAACP has supported issues relevant to African Americans and other Peoples of Color. The proceeds from the Annual Freedom Fund Banquet support this mission which includes our scholarship program. This year the goal is to raise enough money to award \$5,000 in scholarships.

2019 – 2020 Lunch and Learn Schedule

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LINCOLN – LANCASTER COUNTY

LUNCH AND LEARN SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2019 – 2020

GRADUATE HOTEL, 141 N. 9TH ST, LINCOLN, NE

For reservations please contact via email: lvv-ne@inebraska.com or phone 402-475-1411. Listen to the prompt on the phone and press 1 to sign up for L&L.

Cost for lunch is \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members.

Reservations should be made by the **Monday** prior to the meeting. Meetings take place on the **First Thursday** of each month from **noon – 1 p.m.**, Sept. – May, **except for the January and April meeting which will meet on the second Thursday.**

Reservations are binding

Date	Topic	Speaker
October 3 rd , Oct. 19 th ** see note below	Separation of Powers	Jo Potuto, J.D., is Richard H. Larson Professor in the NU College of Law.
November 7 th	Income Inequality	Jerry Petr, Prof. Emeritus, UNL College of Business
December 5 th	Meet Susan B. Anthony	Linda Duckworth, League of Women Voters NE
Jan. 9 th <u>note this is the second Thursday due to the timing of the New Year</u>	Women in Politics: Challenges and Opportunities	Jane Raybould – Lincoln City Council Chairperson
February 6 th	2020 Census in Nebraska	Josie Gatti Schafer, Ph.D. Director, Center for Public Affairs Research University of Nebraska at Omaha
March 5 th	YWCA new programs for girls & young women	Karen Bell-Dancy, Director Lincoln YWCA
April 9 th <u>note this is the second Thursday</u>	Ballot Initiatives	Angie Remington, with the NE Civic Engagement Table
May 2 nd	Open Sky an Update on Nebraska's Fiscal Debate	Open Sky an Update on Nebraska's Fiscal Debate
** Oct. 19th UNL Nebraska Innovation Campus	Celebrating the 19th Amendment: Women's Rights Here and Abroad	LWVLL is co-sponsoring this event with OLLI Registration Deadline is Fri, Oct 11 -- Phone the OLLI office 402-472-6265 for more information

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
2021 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 of Lincoln-Lancaster County, 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>

Report on September Lunch & Learn with Guest Speaker Charlyne Berens

Professor Emeritus Charlyne Berens told us about the history and current functioning of our NE Unicameral.

Nebraska history began with Statehood and the formation of a 2-house legislature in 1867. The 2-house arrangement lasted until the State's populist-progressive philosophy favored the creation of the Unicameral in 1934.

The forces in the State's history leading to that event including relative prosperity for the eastern portion of Nebraska, but low rainfall and poor crop prices (in 1880's) causing dissatisfaction, in the west. The emerging populist sentiment blamed those problems on politicians, the railroads, and moneyed interests. Meanwhile when William Jennings Bryant ran for president as a Democrat in 1896 the Populists became the Progressives. And indeed NE was progressive for the times. For example, in 1919 NE was one of the earliest states to support women's suffrage by approving the 19th amendment to the US constitution. George Norris, our Progressive member of the US Congress and the US Senate supported the 1934 amendment to the State constitution to create the Unicameral. A major issue was the inclusion of the provision that our Unicameral elections be non-partisan. But arguments that non-partisanship would reduce the influence of the major political parties, and that a single legislature would make it easier to pass legislation were convincing. (Non-party affiliation means lobbyists must see all legislators, rather than attempting influence through hierarchical party structures. That is, with only minimal party structures, each senator is an independent center of power.

At the time of its formation, the Unicameral had 43 legislative districts. Now there are 49. Its rules require that only one topic be allowed per bill, with only amendments related to that issue allowed. Charlyne noted that term limits that discourage the development of powerful and experienced individual senators encourage partisanship as party leaders attempt to fill that void and "groom" new recruits. For all its problems, in 2015 62% approved of the functioning of our Unicameral.



Editor's Note: This article was originally published in our January 2019 issue. As an election is on the horizon, there was interest in reprinting the links, in order to educate League members and friends as an aid to helping us determine truth or falsity of news articles and social media posts.

Fact-Checking Resources from November 2018 Lunch & Learn speaker

Media Literacy, Civil Discourse and the 2018 Election was the focus of the Lunch and Learn November 1, 2018 program. Professor Gary Kebbel, former dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at UNL, was well qualified to speak on this subject. Before coming to Lincoln, he was the journalism program director at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami, administering a \$25 million contest to find digital new innovations. As News Director at AOL, he helped build one of the largest news and social sites on the Internet, and was a founding editor of USA Today.com and Newsweek.com.

Engaged LWVLL members asked many questions, prompting Gary Kebbel to send fact-checking resources which you will find below. The Board hopes you find these useful.

[Poynter Fact-Checking Network](#)

[Here's how to outsmart fake news in your Facebook feed](#)

[How to spot fake news \(FactCheck.org\)](#)

[Around the world in 19 fact checks \(Poynter\)](#)

[10 tips for verifying viral social media videos \(Poynter\)](#)

[Snopes field guide to fake news sites and hoax news purveyors](#)

[Here are all the 'fake news' sites to watch out for in Facebook](#)

GUIDES

[Bellingcat's Online Investigation Toolkit](#)

[False, misleading, clickbaity-y and/or satirical "news sources"](#)

HOW BOTS WORK

[Inside Russia's network of bots and trolls \(The New York Times video\)](#)

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