



December 2019

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Dec 5 (Thursday): Noon-1:00 p.m.
LWVLL Lunch & Learn.
Meet Susan B. Anthony.
Susan Duckworth, League of
Women Voters-Nebraska
Graduate Hotel,
141 North 9th Street, Lincoln
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schedule for remaining L&L
luncheons on page 3.*

December 5 Lunch & Learn: Meet Susan B. Anthony

League of Women Voters Lincoln-Lancaster County Lunch & Learn Meeting, noon – 1 pm, Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at the Graduate Hotel, 141 N. 9th St.; Speaker – LWV- NE member Susan Duckworth “Meet Susan B. Anthony”; Luncheon costs \$15 for members \$17 for nonmembers; it includes speaker, buffet lunch and gratuities. Binding reservations due by Monday, December 2nd, 2019. Call 402-475-1411 or email lwv-ne@inebraska.com.

Lunch and Learn events are scheduled each month from September through May; 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.

Membership Committee Seeking Volunteers

The LWVLL Membership Committee is looking for people who would like to help grow the organization. If you would like to serve on the Membership Committee, contact Sandy Blankenship at 402-560-7920.

Voter Registration Volunteers Needed

With the 2020 elections on the horizon, Lancaster County and the League of Women Voters-Lincoln/Lancaster County are in need of volunteer voter registrars. Prior to registering voters, a registrar must go through a short training session (approximately one hour); to schedule a session, contact Deputy Election Commissioner Maura Kelly at 402-441-6500. Training certificate must be renewed every three years.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE.....

Please suggest nominees for the following LWVLL Board positions before January 31, 2020. Current office holders may be suggested; LWV does not support term limits. Please keep in mind that these are *suggestions*, not automatic commitments. The Nominating Committee is responsible for determining who is nominated. We are seeking individuals who have the skill, interest, and ability to serve in selected positions as well as being willing to maintain the League’s nonpartisan reputation.

Position	Term	Suggested Name(s) (use separate sheet if needed)	Comments (use separate sheet if needed)
Vice President	2020–2021		
Treasurer	2020–2022		
Secretary	2020–2022		
*Director (VOTER Editor)	2020–2022		
*Director (Membership)	2020–2022		
*Director	2020–2022		
*Director	2020–2022		
Ed Fund Trustee	2020–2022		
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Nominating Committee Chair	2020–2021		
Nominating Committee Member	2020–2021		
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*Bylaws require a minimum of 4 elected directors and no more than 8; there are currently 4 elected directors whose terms continue to 2021.

Members whose terms continue through 2021 and therefore should not be suggested unless a suggestion for replacement is included: Mary Boschult (President); Nancy Comer (Director); Karen Dienstbier (Director–Lunch and Learn Chair); Maura Kelly (Director); Maureen Ose (Director–Webmaster); Terri Rittenburg (Ed Fund Trustee); Sheryl Wright (Ed Fund Trustee).

Mail your suggestions to Sharon Nemeth, LWVLL Nominating Committee Chair, 720 West Broadview Drive, Lincoln, NE 68505. Or email them to her at wayova@msn.com. You may also send your suggestions to Nominating Committee members Amy Birky (birkyamy@gmail.com), Judy Koepke (judykoepke@aol.com), Sandy Blankenship (sandy.blankenship@windstream.net), or Karen Dienstbier (kdien@allophone.com).

You may continue to send suggestions through January 31, 2020. The committee will review them confidentially at its February 2020 meeting and then contact those deemed to be most appropriate for the various positions.

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
December 5 th	Meet Susan B. Anthony	Linda Duckworth, League of Women Voters NE
January 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

November Speaker Lynn Roper Celebrating the 19th Amendment.

On 8/2/1919 Nebraska was the 14th State to pass the amendment for women's suffrage, but in those days that passage required approval by two legislative bodies. But efforts leading to that passage went back almost a century. This is that story.

As a 24 year old, Elizabeth Cady Stanton was inspired to work for women's suffrage as a result of attending an anti-slavery conference in London in 1840. After returning, she was soon joined in her suffrage efforts by the other outstanding "first generation" powerhouse: Susan B. Anthony—the exciting speaker of the duo. They gathered others with similar interests at the important Seneca Falls Temperance meeting in 1848.

But problems that occurred over whether the anti-slavery and suffrage issues could be combined were prominent by the time of the 1866 Convention for Universal Suffrage. The 14th Amendment abolishing slavery granted suffrage only to males.

In 1872 Susan B. and 14 women friends registered to vote, resulting in Susan being arrested on Thanksgiving day. The next summer an all-male jury fined her a thousand dollars—a fine she never paid. The duo began to focus on a state-by-state effort rather than a national strategy. By the 1914 election, women could vote in 9 states.

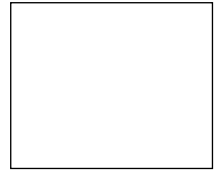
The second generation of suffragettes was led by Alice Paul, soon joined by Lucy Burns. By 1912 they focused on a national strategy and by 1917 they were picketing the white house, especially focusing on President Wilson with signs such as "Mr. President, how long must we wait." Literally hundreds of women participated in the protests. Their major parade was met with counter-protests and violence toward them—violence that was not restrained by the police.

Press coverage was stimulated by the circulation of a huge petition containing 500 thousand signatures. During 1917 the white house protests were staffed by women from 10AM to 5 PM six days per week. Some protestors were arrested and force fed.

In 1918 the House considered the issue voting 234 (for) to 176 (against), but the US Senate failed to pass by 2 votes with the filibuster operative. The Democrat party generally did not support the effort, so the focus changed to getting the states to approve. The rest is history.



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