



January 2020

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Feb 6 (Thursday): Noon-1:00 p.m.

LWVLL Lunch & Learn.

The 2020 Census in Nebraska
Josie Schafer, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research, with Diana Buchanan, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau.

**Graduate Hotel,
141 North 9th Street, Lincoln**
See article at right, and see schedule for remaining L&L luncheons on page 3.

Feb 6 (Thursday): 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Book Club:

The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote

**Nebraska History Museum,
Centennial Mall & P Street,
Lincoln NE**

Reservations Required: Online Registration Form at

<https://events.egov.com/eventreg/NE/registant.htm?action=new&event=communitybookclub> or

contact the Nebraska History Museum to reserve your spot. See article on page 4.

February 6 Lunch & Learn to discuss the 2020 Census

League of Women Voters Lincoln-Lancaster County Lunch & Learn Meeting, noon – 1 pm, Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at the Graduate Hotel, 141 N. 9th St.

Speaker / Topic: Josie Schafer, Director, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research, with Diana Buchanan, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau on “The 2020 Census in Nebraska.” Luncheon costs \$15 for members \$17 for nonmembers, which includes speaker, buffet lunch and gratuities. Binding reservations due by Monday, February 3rd, 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.

Message from the President

It's been a busy fall for the Lincoln League. I hope you have been able to attend some of our events these past few months.

In August we participated in the opening of the VOTES FOR WOMEN exhibit at the History Nebraska Museum. We enjoyed the speakers and exhibits and also staffed a voter registration and membership recruitment table in the front lobby.

In October we had a voter registration table at the museum and also did the voter registration for the Naturalization Ceremony. We assisted with the voter registration table at the NAACP Banquet on October 12. The Banquet keynote was on suffrage and we were recognized at the Banquet as a valuable community member concerned with voting rights and participating in elections.

On October 19, we joined with OLLI to co-sponsor a Symposium on Women's Rights Here and Abroad held on Innovation Campus. It was well attended and rated highly by those attending.

In October and November we joined with Common Cause Nebraska and OLLI co-sponsor the movie Dark Money showing and 3 lectures on Money in Politics. Again, it was a full house and rated highly by those attending. Discussions are underway to do follow up workshops on Money in Politics.

In November our member, Lynn Roper kindly covered for a speaker unable to join us and Lynn educated us on a vast array of books on suffrage. The reading list can be found on our website at www.lincolnleague.org.

In December, LWVNE co-president Linda Duckworth provided an educational and entertaining tribute to Susan B. Anthony. It was enjoyed and appreciated.

We look forward to continuing our recognition and celebration of the 100 years of the League of Women Voters. The League has accomplished a lot but there is still much work to be done.

Mary Boschult, President
League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County

**2019 – 2020 LUNCH AND LEARN SCHEDULE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LINCOLN – LANCASTER COUNTY**

LUNCH AND LEARN SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER of 2019 – 2020 SEASON

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

For reservations please contact via email: lvw-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 April meeting which will meet on the second Thursday.**

Reservations are binding

Date	Topic	Speaker
February 6 th	2020 Census in Nebraska	Josie Gatti Schafer, Ph.D. Director, Center for Public Affairs Research University of Nebraska at Omaha, with Diana Buchanan, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau
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 7 th	Open Sky an Update on Nebraska’s Fiscal Debate	Open Sky an Update on Nebraska’s Fiscal Debate

Community Book Club: The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote

When:

Thursday, February 27, 2020 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

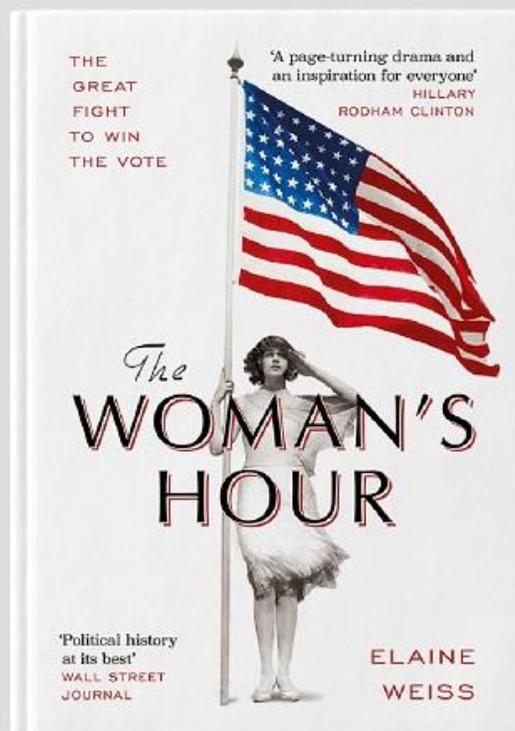
Where:

Nebraska History Museum, 131 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln NE

Join the Women's Foundation of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Lincoln City Libraries and History Nebraska for a community discussion of the page-turning book *The Woman's Hour* by Elaine Weiss.

There are many books available to check out at the Lincoln Public Libraries and for sale at the Nebraska History Museum Gift Shop, Indigo Books and Francie and Finch. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is FREE but space is limited and registration is required. Register online at <https://events.egov.com/eventreg/NE/registant.htm?action=new&event=communitybookclub> or contact the Nebraska History Museum.



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League testimony delivered January 28, 2020, to the Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, regarding proposed constitutional amendment LR283CA.



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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Tom Brewer, Chair
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
P.O. Box 94606
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Re: LR283CA

Dear Senator Brewer and members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County is writing to oppose LR283CA, a resolution that proposes a November 2020 ballot issue to amend the Nebraska Constitution to change the definition of elector in Nebraska.

There is no report or evidence that non-citizens are voting in Nebraska. The resolution does not identify an existing problem that is to be solved by this requirement.

The Nebraska Constitution already limits voting to citizens.

It would create costs to include the issue on the November ballot and costs to implement the requirement in printing forms and regulations. Any increase in government costs, intrusion, regulation and process are unnecessary as there is no problem to solve.

Such a requirement appearing on the ballot might be seen as validation of the belief in the myth that, as one uninformed man announced to me at our voter registration table in January, "all those illegals are voting". They are not voting but facts would not dissuade him from his view.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We work to increase understanding of public policy issues and to increase voter participation in elections.

Sincerely,



Mary Boschult, President
League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County

January Lunch & Learn Guest: Jane Raybould, Lincoln City Council Chair

Lincoln City Council Chair Jane Raybould was the featured speaker at January's well-attended Lunch and Learn. She spoke on the topic "Women in Politics" and shared what she has learned in a number of campaigns for political office.

She agreed that for many the question is "Why get involved in a contentious, complicated process that has become so divisive in our communities and country?" Jane underscored her belief that a democracy requires sound governance which depends on truth, honesty and facts. Voters must use their brains to seek out unbiased, factual information in a sea of otherwise doubtful social media postings and even opinions reported as news in traditional media. Officer holders can choose to adhere to higher principles and there are many opportunities for women.

Women are running and winning in record numbers across the country. The percentage of women in Congress is at a new high and in 2018 more women ran for office than did men. In order for this trend to continue and grow women must be asked to run and be supported by strong, knowledgeable voters. She believes women's compassion and empathy are advantages in politics, allowing them to connect with voters in meaningful ways. Statistics can be difficult to overcome if one is running in an area historically/currently controlled by the opposition party. Fair, open-minded dialogue is necessary to sway voters.

Raising money is a necessity in modern politics and takes huge amounts of a candidate's time. Fortunately, women are also donating to campaigns in record numbers. Local support is essential as national funding sources are often focusing on more populous areas of the country. Although the challenges are many, Jane believes public service is worthwhile in order to give voice to the voiceless, to campaign for worthy causes and progressive change, and to advocate for smart governmental policy.



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