



August 2020

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Sept 3 (Thursday): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn
via Zoom:

*Voting Rights, Voting Right Now:
Principles and Practicalities of
Voting in Lancaster County.*

John Cartier, Civic Nebraska, and
David Shively, Lancaster County
Election Commissioner

*See article at right, and full fall
schedule on page 2.*

Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 (Mondays):
7-9 PM
***Dark Money: Montana to
Nebraska and Beyond***
Course on dark money in politics
co-sponsored by OLLI, Common
Cause, and LWVLL.
Registration is required; cost \$20.
See article on page 7.

Lunch & Learn series to begin September 3rd via Zoom

The LWVLL Lunch & Learn series will be moving to Zoom this fall, due the pandemic. Details on how the Zoom links will be distributed to members and guests, as well as the full fall schedule, can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

For this first month, join us as we welcome guests John Cartier, Director of Voting Rights for Civic Nebraska, and Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively, speaking on the topic *Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principles and Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County.*

The Zoom broadcast for this meeting will begin on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 on Zoom at noon.

See page 2 for more information.

Lunch & Learn via Zoom: Fall schedule begins September 3

Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principles And Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 on Zoom at noon

After getting your positive opinions on the survey the Lunch and Learn Committee sent to you earlier in the spring, we are moving forward with Zoom programming this fall.

All LWVLL members will be automatically sent a Zoom link for each of the programs. Members will not have to register for each meeting. They will simply click on the Zoom information sent in a monthly email. We are trying to make it as simple as possible for you join us for each of the four programs.

If you would like to invite friends who are not members to join us at no charge, they may register at the web link <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/> for more information. Please put the word registration in the subject line. All programs begin at noon.

Date	Title	Speakers
September 3 rd , 2020	Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principles and Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County	John Cartier, Director of Voting Rights and Dave Shively, Lancaster County Election Commissioner
October 8 th , 2020 <small>please note date change</small>	The Electoral College	John Comer, Professor Emeritus, UNL Department of Political Science
November 5 th , 2020	Redistricting and Apportionment	Gavin Geis, Executive Director, Common Cause Nebraska
December 3 rd , 2020	Women's Suffrage	Dr. Deborah Turner, President of the National League of Women Voters

If you have any questions, please email Karen Dienstbier kdien@allophone.com

August 8, 2020 Annual General Membership Meeting Summary

25 members participated in the ZOOM AGM on August 8th. It was good to see every one who was able to join in the meeting. It was a new experience to hear reports and handle business remotely but we were able to have a good discussion.

The Program in our Impact on Issues was approved for the coming year. There were no bylaws changes. Current bylaws and our Impact on Issues can be found on our web site, www.lincolnleague.org

The slate of officers as presented in the packet was voted on and approved without objection. The people newly elected are noted with an asterisk.

The **Board** and officers going forward are:

President	Mary Boschult
Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Susan Scott *
Secretary	Jane Witte *

Directors are Kristen Anderson, Face Book; Sandy Blankenship, Membership; Nancy Comer; Karen Dienstbier, Lunch and Learn; Maura Kelly; Jim Johnson VOTER Editor; Maureen Ose, Webmaster; Peggy Weber.

The **Education Fund** trustees going forward will be:

Pat Cole (current chair); Judy Koepke *, Marcia Kushner, Terri Rittenburg and Sheryl Wright.

The **Nominating Committee** will be Sharon Nemeth, Chair; Jackie Egan*, Tari Hendrickson and two additional members from the Board.

Submitted by Mary Boschult



League members invited to LWWNE Annual General Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska invites you to join us for our virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 22, 2020. All local League members as well as Nebraska members-at-large are invited to attend. The meeting will take place via Zoom, beginning at 9:45 a.m. with sign-in/procedural orientation and the call to order at 10 a.m. The meeting will adjourn at 1 p.m.

You can register for the 7th Annual Meeting of the LWWNE [here](#). There is no charge to attend the Annual Meeting.

The theme for our Annual Meeting is **Hard Won, Not Done.**™ This theme celebrates the first 100 years of the League of Women Voters – which was founded on February 14, 1920 – while focusing on our next century. In addition to conducting annual business, we will vote on undertaking two studies: Reimagining Public Safety and Money in Politics.

You can read more about the meeting, including the agenda, on this [page](#).

The Annual Meeting will include greetings from Dr. Deborah Turner, LWWUS national president and a member of the LWWNE; small group breakouts for members to get to know each other; and a review of accomplishments for the year, including Fair Maps/redistricting, statewide expansion of VOTE411.org, Voter Services' Know Your Voting Rights campaign, the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and the development and launch of a new website.

During the meeting, a cancellation ceremony of a special stamp commemorating the founding of the LWV will be held. Other items on the agenda include adoption of the 2020-2021 budget; reports from officers, directors, office administrator, parliamentarian and local Leagues; and announcements.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, caucuses are being held via Zoom on the two studies being considered. The pre-meeting caucus on Reimagining Public Safety was held on August 13. The pre-meeting caucus on Money in Politics will be held on Monday, August 17. **You can sign up for this caucus [here](#).**

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting!

Dianne Bystrom & Linda Duckworth
Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of Nebraska

Voting tips and reminders submitted by Maureen Ose

The deadline to request an Early Vote/Absentee ballot by mail, fax or email: 6:00 p.m., Friday, Oct 23, 2020. (The form is available at this link:

<https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5601/Early-Vote-Application-for-the-November-3-2020-General-Election>)

Requests may be made in person at the Election Commission Office until 5:00 p.m., Monday, Nov 2, 2020. An agent acting on a voter's behalf has until 7:00 p.m., Election Day, Nov 3, 2020 to request an Absentee ballot. (A person may assist up to two voters by acting as their agent. An agent can complete and submit the early voting ballot application on behalf of the voter. A candidate or a member of a candidate campaign committee can only be an agent for his/her own family.)

There are nearly 196,000 registered voters in Lancaster County. The November 3rd General Election is right around the corner and more Lancaster county voters than ever before are expected to request Early Vote/Absentee Ballots. These ballots may be returned via USPS mail or, as many voters prefer, they may be dropped into the box at the Lancaster County Election Commission Office at 601 N 46th Street in Lincoln.

The League of Women Voters believes that voting is a fundamental right and all eligible voters should have the equal opportunity to exercise that right. We are dedicated to ensuring that our elections remain free, fair and accessible. Our democracy is strongest when everyone's voice is heard. Let's do everything we can to turn out the vote in November!

Other questions about voting can be directed to Election Commissioner Dave Shively at

Phone: 402 441-7311

Email: dshively@lancaster.ne.gov

USPS Mail: Lancaster County Election Commission
601 N 46th Street
Lincoln, NE 68503-3720

If you live in Lincoln/Lancaster County

Return your ballot to the
Lancaster County
Election Commission
by USPS mail, or use
the convenient drive-up
drop box at:
601 N 46th St.
Lincoln NE 68503
(North side of building.
Available now til 8 pm 11/3/2020)



Books to Challenge our thinking: BLM, Racism, Diversity and Inclusion

Non fiction: (some older, and one that just came out in August, 2020)

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism

Author: Robin DiAngelo, 2018, Beacon Press. (about race relations in the United States.)

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Who Helped Win the Space Race.

Author: Margot Lee Shetterly. 2016, William Morrow & Company (or see the movie)

(Era 1930's-1960's when women viewed as inferior to men)

Won NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work

Between the World and Me

Author: Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015, Spiegel & Grau

Written as a letter to the author's teenage son about the feelings, symbolism, and realities associated with being Black in the United States.

Just Mercy

Author: Bryan Stevenson 2014

(about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a wake up to fix our broken system of justice)

Won NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work

How to Be an Antiracist

Author: Ibram X. Kendi, 2019, One Word

(Historian/journalist writes about understanding racism and inequality in society and ourselves)

National Book Award for Stamped from the Beginning

Me and White Supremacy Combat racism, Change the world and Become a Good Ancestor

Author: Layla F. Saad, 2020, Sourcebooks

(a 28 day guide targeted for white readers; you respond/journal after reading each chapter)

I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice

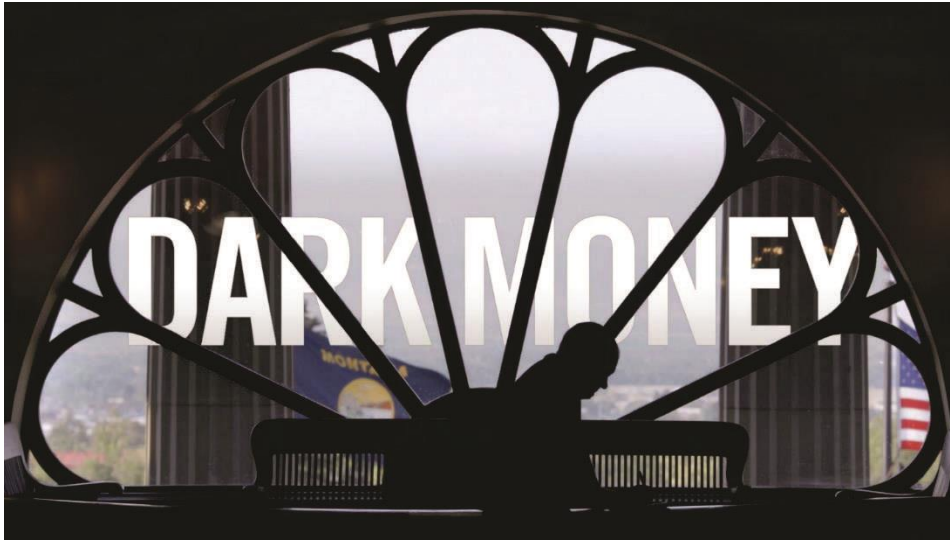
Author: Joe Starita, 2009, St. Martin's Press

In 1877, Chief Standing Bear's Ponca Indian tribe was forcibly removed from their Nebraska homeland and marched to what is now Oklahoma), in what became one of our nation's first civil rights cases; tried in Omaha

Caste: The Origins of our Discontents

Author: Isabel Wilkerson, just out, August 2020, Random House

Author won Pulitzer Prize for The Warmth of Other Suns



Dark Money: Montana to Nebraska and Beyond *A four-session course*

The course begins with the PBS/POV documentary, “Dark Money,” a political thriller, which examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. The film takes viewers to Montana—a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide—to follow a local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the US Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision.

The course then takes up dark money in Nebraska’s history of campaign finance laws and what is happening today. Each session will provide an opportunity for participants to share their own ideas and concerns about “dark money” and money in politics.

This course is open to the public. Registration is required.

Instructors: Jack Gould, issues/policy chair, Common Cause Nebraska; Kate High, League of Women Voters of Nebraska and LWVLL

Facilitator: Nancy Comer

Day/Dates: Mon, Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Select how you plan to attend the course.

Zoom

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Zoom Live Stream

Enrollment Limit: 125

[Register online at oli.unl.edu](https://oli.unl.edu)
Choose the “Open to the Public”



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