



October 2020

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Oct 2 (Friday): 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Outdoor showing of
*Unladylike 2020:
Nebraska Trailblazers and their
National Counterparts***

Centennial Mall,
between P and Q Streets

Sponsored by the
Nebraska History Museum
See article on page 4.

Oct 9 (Thursday): Noon
**LWVLL Lunch & Learn
via Zoom:**

The Electoral College

John Comer, Ph.D., UNL
Political Science Professor
Emeritus

*See article at right, and full fall
schedule on page 3.*

October 8 Lunch & Learn guest John Comer to discuss Electoral College

The October Lunch and Learn, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County, will be held on October 8 at noon. (**Note change of date: second Thursday of the month instead of our usual first Thursday.**) Meeting will be via Zoom, beginning at noon. Speaker will be John Comer, Ph.D., UNL political science professor emeritus, speaking on the Electoral College system.

If you are a member of the Lincoln Chapter of the League, OR if you had registered for the September Lunch and Learn, we will send you a Zoom link and passcode, by this Thursday October 1 (one week prior to the meeting). You will also receive Zoom links prior to the November 5 meeting, featuring Redistricting and Apportionment, and the December 3 meeting, featuring Dr. Debra Turner, national LWV president. There is no need to register again.

Other guests are welcome and the event is free; however guests who are not League members and did not register for the September meeting will need to pre-register at <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/> (registration deadline is Monday, October 5, for the October 8 meeting.)

See page 3 for more information about the series.

Volunteer Opportunity for League Members and Friends – Help Pick Up Votes from Drop Boxes

On page 2 of this newsletter you will find a copy of a letter thanking Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively for his office's efforts in installing drop boxes in several locations around the county. As part of that effort, the League is recruiting volunteers to help pick up ballots once a day. Volunteers will need to be part of a two-person team, not both of the same political party; teams will gather at the Election Commissioner's office daily at 11:00 a.m. and will be sent out to pick up ballots in five of ten drop boxes (either the northern part of the county or the southern part of the county), swapping empty drop boxes with filled ones, and return the filled boxes, sealed and unopened, to the Election Commissioner at the end of the route. Each route is expected to take about 2 hours. Volunteers will be needed beginning this Thursday, October 1. Please contact Mary Boschult at mary4now@aol.com if you can help with this effort.



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September 2, 2020

Dave Shively, Election Commissioner
Lancaster County Election Office
601 N 46th Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

Dear Dave,

Thank you for making an early announcement that you would be sending early voting ballot request cards to all registered voters in Lancaster County. The League supports the early voting by mail option as an effort to increase participation and as an effort to increase safety for voters during the 2020 Corona virus pandemic.

In a recent meeting, some members raised an question about increasing the number of drop boxes for ballots. In August our Board of Directors discussed and voted to communicate our support to encourage additional drop boxes. We are pleased to see recent news reports indicate you are considering this. We recognize it can be a complicated process. We think connecting with other local agencies such as the libraries could be a good opportunity.

If the League and our corps of volunteers and registrars would be able to assist in this effort, we are willing to help. Feel free to contact me if you think we could help.

We appreciate your efforts to administer free, fair and secure elections for the people in Lancaster County. Thank you for continuing to be a leader in election administration in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

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

CC: Maura Kelly, Chief Deputy Election Commissioner, Lancaster County
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Lunch & Learn via Zoom: Fall schedule – Remaining Meetings

As noted in last month's issue, we are moving forward with Zoom programming this fall. We are looking into continuing the Zoom series in the spring; stay tuned for more information on that.

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. Also, anyone who registered for the September meeting will automatically receive links for future months.

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.

All programs begin at noon.

Date	Title	Speaker
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.

Nebraska History Museum

The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. Celebrate by joining us for a free special screening of UNLADYLIKE 2020: Nebraska Trailblazers and their National Counterparts. This screening features four short films, part of a new online series on PBS's flagship biography series American Masters.

FRI, OCT 2 AT 5:30 PM

[Unladylike 2020: Nebraska Trailblazers and their National Counterparts, Free Event](#)

events.egov.com

Date: October 2, 2020

Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Centennial Mall, Between P and Q Streets

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[Unladylike 2020: Nebraska Trailblazers and their National Counterparts](#)

NEWS MEDIA RELEASE:

OLLI at UNL/Winter Lecture Series Fall 2020 Symposium *Global Displacement: Political Conflict and Climate Change*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release Date: September 21, 2020

Released by: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nebraska (OLLI at UNL)

Event Date: Saturday, Oct 17, 2020

Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Live stream on Zoom

Contact: Dee Aguilar, OLLI at UNL, 402-472-9891, daguilar2@unl.edu

Fall symposium focuses on global displacement due to political conflict and climate change

LINCOLN, Neb. (Sept. 21, 2020) – The OLLI at UNL/Winter Lecture Series Fall 2020 Symposium “Global Displacement: Political Conflict and Climate Change,” features four leading experts and will be presented Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., live streamed on Zoom. The symposium is \$10 per person and the event is open to the public. Registration is required and can be made online at olli.unl.edu or by call the OLLI office at 402-472- 6265. OLLI membership is not required.

In 2019 at least 150 million persons felt compelled to leave their homes because of political or socio-economic reasons outside the bounds of legal migration. Some were fleeing war, other violence or persecution. Then there were those fleeing absence of economic opportunity or natural disaster, often linked to climate change. As a result, there was growing demand for an increased international response by public and private agencies. This half-day symposium examines this pressing problem.

The symposium begins with an explanation of the numbers and reasons for forced migration involving refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers and those feeling no choice but to flee fragile societies or failed states—often because of the ramifications of global warming.

“The goal of the symposium is to increase the understanding of the challenges of forced displacement confronting the global community and in the United States,” said Dee Aguilar, OLLI coordinator.

This year's speakers will address the causes of global displacement and its effects on human migration, and the role of various nation-states and international organizations.

Speakers include:

Elizabeth Ferris, research professor with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. From January-September 2016, she served as Senior Advisor to the UN General Assembly’s Summit for Refugees and Migrants in New York.

Viviane Clement, climate change specialist in the Climate Change Group at the World Bank.

Leah Zamore, senior policy analyst at the Center for International Cooperation at New York University. She covers a range of issues, including refugee policy, humanitarian response and conflict prevention.

Dr. Kanta Kumari Riguard, an environmental specialist and regional climate change coordinator in the Africa region of the World Bank Group. She is a leading expert on climate adaptation and will discuss global patterns and specific areas of the world including the United States. Kumari Rigaud led a multidisciplinary team on the Bank’s pioneering flagship report on “Groundswell – Preparing for Internal Climate Migration” and on the report series “Turn Down the Heat,” which looked at climate science and development impacts.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNL is a member-driven organization committed to providing and promoting superior-quality, high-appeal learning experiences, events and travel opportunities designed for adults 50 and over who believe that "curiosity never retires."

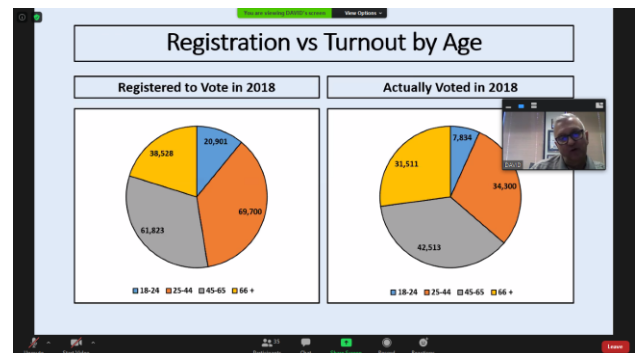
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September LWVLL Lunch & Learn

Pictures from the September Lunch & Learn. Guests were Brad Christian-Sallis from Civic Nebraska and Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively, discussing Voter Rights.

Part II. Voting during a pandemic

- Nebraska is ahead of the game
 - Shoutout to our dedicated election officials and workers
- Record-breaking primary despite the conditions
 - 492,580 voted
 - 413,015 previous record set in 1972
 - 383,000 voted by mail (78%)
- Send every voter a card to make it easier to register to vote-at-home
 - Continue to be vocal proponents and create new tools to make it easier to submit applications
- www.civiclebraska.vote



Lancaster County Election Commissioner's Office

- Established on September 7, 1947.
- The First office was on the first floor of the Terminal Building and O Streets.
- The Second office was located on the lower level of the County/City Building.
- The Third office was located at 555 South 9th Street (approximately at 9th and J Streets).
- In 2001 the office was moved to the current location at 601 North 46th Street. We share a parking lot with the County Treasurer's Department of Motor Vehicles. We are conveniently and centrally located for most voters of Lancaster County.

Zoom Meeting

Jim Johnson

Chat Window:

- From Brad Christian-Sallis to Election: How many signatures in Nebraska on the same system of ballots as we do (paper ballots plus scanning)?
- From David Bunk to Election: Will there be any additional drop boxes for absentee ballots in Lancaster County for the November general election?
- From Kanta and Leah to Election: If the signature has changed since I signed the signature card for the Election office do I need to sign another card?
- From Leah to Election: If someone requests a mail-in ballot and they send it in and then also vote in person... what provisions do we have to "catch" that?
- From Maggie Sallis to Election: On election day, what votes are reported to the news outlets at 8 pm - all ballots cast by mail - all mail-in ballots or just the paper ballots plus scanning?
- From Leah to Election: We ensure we have voters bring out ballots correctly, do you have plans for "education"?
- From Maggie Sallis to Election: How many signatures in Nebraska on the same system of ballots as we do (paper ballots plus scanning)?

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