



January 2021

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Jan. 7 (Thursday): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn
via Zoom:

*Focus on the Coming Nebraska
Legislative Session*

Renee Fry, Founding Executive
Director, OpenSky Policy
Institute

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the winter/spring schedule on
page 2.*

Feb. 4 (Thursday): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn
via Zoom:

The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Dean Anna Shavers, UNL
College of Law; Prof. Eric
Berger, UNL College of Law

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January 7 Lunch & Learn focuses on the Upcoming Legislative Session; guest Renee Fry from OpenSky Policy Institute

The January Lunch and Learn, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County, will be held on January 7 at noon. Meeting will be via Zoom, beginning at noon. Speaker will be Renee Fry, Founding Executive Director of the OpenSky Policy Institute.

If you are a member of the Lincoln Chapter of the League, OR if you had registered for a previous Lunch and Learn this fall, you should have received a Zoom link and passcode this Thursday 12/31, and you should also receive a reminder notice the day before the meeting. You will also receive Zoom links prior to the future meetings. 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 previous meetings will need to pre-register at <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/> (registration deadline is Monday, January 4, for the January 7 meeting.)

The Lunch and Learn committee has announced the schedule for the spring meetings; see page 2 for information about the winter/spring series.

Remembering Lois Poppe

The League of Women Voters lost a hardworking, loyal supporter this December. Lois Poppe passed away on December 21; obituary is online at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lincoln-ne/lois-poppe-9960981>.

Lois was an active member in the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, having served both as the Lincoln-Lancaster County League president and as the Nebraska League president. She was the Nebraska League's only representative on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Nebraska State Plan Commission from its inception in 2003 until its formal dissolution in 2013, influencing election standards and procedures within the state following the 2000 elections. Her last HAVA report said that all Commission members at the last meeting received 10-year pins and



Secretary of State John Gale's thank you for their service. Lois also stated that she believes she missed only one meeting in the ten years.

Sherry Miller, who did League work with Lois at both the state and local levels, said: "Lois was a mentor and friend in League for many years. Her devotion to the integrity of the vote and protection of voters was commendable. Through her efforts, the state League was able to apply for and obtain grants three different times from HAVA (Help America Vote Act) as administered through the Nebraska Secretary of State's office. These grants made it possible for LWVNE to reach out to and educate ex-felons on their restored rights to vote and to younger voters on all their voting rights presented in an attractive format. Furthermore, Lois' wise counsel helped officers and directors on the state board stay on an even keel of cooperation more than once. Her impact may have been quiet, but it was powerful. She will be missed!"

One more personal memory, this one from myself, *Voter* editor Jim Johnson. One of my earliest memories of Lois was from a League event that we attended, and I distinctly remember her mentioning that "men can join the League of Women Voters." She said it in a way that made it clear that she wasn't just making idle conversation; so guess who joined the League soon afterwards!

In April 2011 Lois received the LWVLL Long Term Service Award; the article about the award is reprinted here:

LONG TERM SERVICE AWARD GOES TO LOIS POPPE

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln/Lancaster County is pleased to present the Long Term Service award to Lois Poppe in 2011. Lois has been a member of the League since 1978 and has served in many capacities including past President, Vice-President, Membership Chair from 1995-2005 as well as unit leader and Lunch and Learn Coordinator. She has also done many voter registrations for the League. Lois has been on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) State Plan Commission since 2003 and was the HAVA Grant Project Chair for LWVNE in 2006-07.



Lois also finds time to volunteer with her church, Ten Thousand Villages, the Lied Center and the Lincoln Literacy Council among other contributions to the community.

The LWV/LL Board is especially appreciative of the many years that Lois was the 'Office Checker' for the Lincoln League at the Apothecary Office. She was helpful in keeping track of mail, phone calls, memberships and the many things that need to be done and notifying folks who needed to know what was going on and respond to requests. Her assistance in this effort was invaluable in keeping us operating while we moved to the new office last November. She also provided a task list of the duties for the office checker to help us be ready to take over in our new location at 4600 Valley Road.

Our many thanks go to Lois for her dedication and contributions to the League of Women Voters. The award was presented at the April 21, 2011 Lunch and Learn at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Submitted by Mary Boschult

League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County moved to Zoom for Lunch and Learn programming.

Title: Focus on the Coming Legislative Session

Speaker: Renee Frey, Founding Executive Director, Opensky Policy Institute

Thursday, January 7, 2021, on Zoom at noon

Members of the public interested in participating in this free Zoom programming can send their name and email address to: lwvlunchandlearn@gmail.com or they can go to <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/>. Please put the word registration in the subject line. Programs begin at noon unless otherwise specified. No phone messages will be accepted. Registrations should be received by Monday, January 4, for the January 7 program.

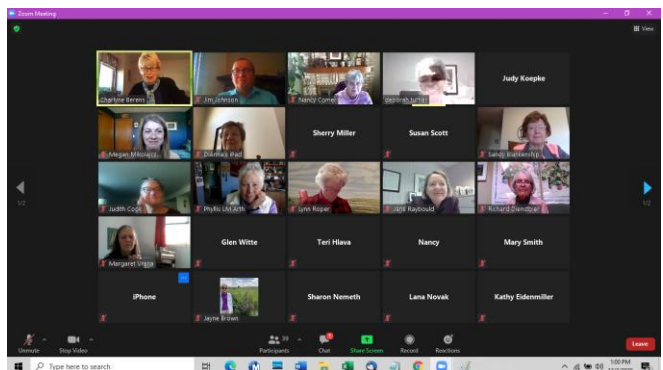
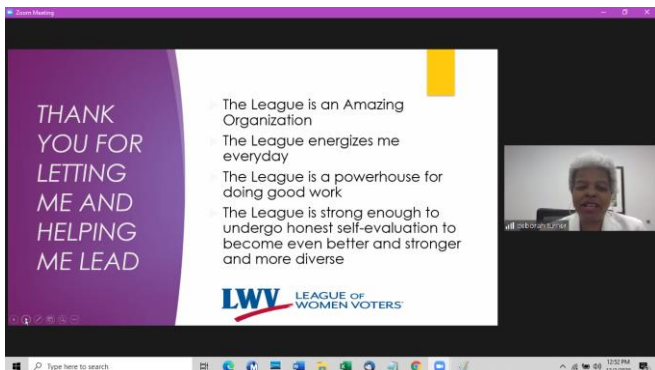
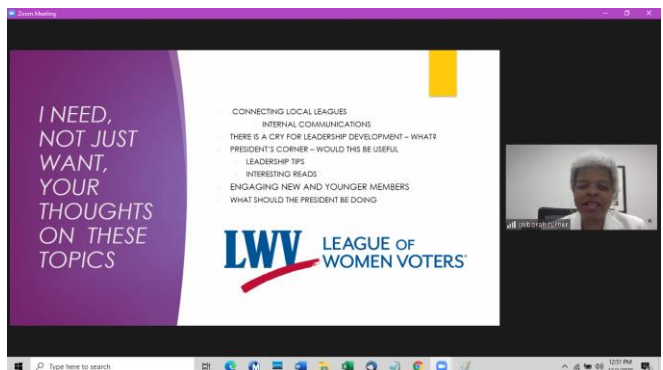
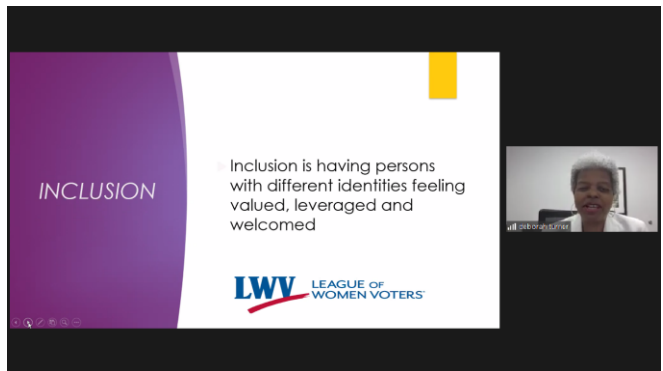
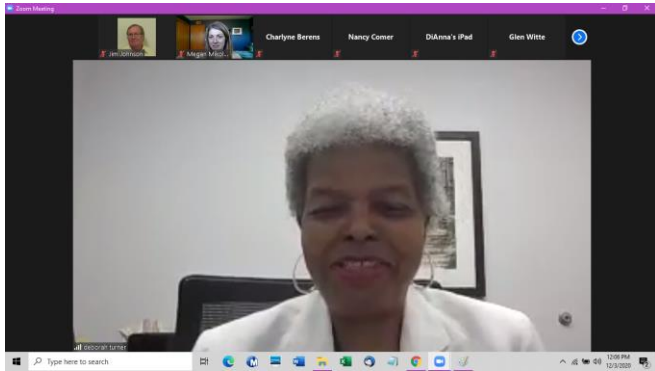
Other programs that are currently recorded are – The Electoral College with speaker John Comer, Professor Emeritus, UNL Political Science Department; Redistricting and Apportionment, with speaker Gavin Geis, Executive Director of Common Cause Nebraska; and Dr. Deborah Turner, the National LWV President, speaking on LWV National priorities. All programs begin at noon unless specified otherwise.

2021 Lunch and Learn Topics and Speakers

January 7 th , 2021	Focus on the Coming Nebraska Legislative Session	Renee Fry, Founding Executive Director, Opensky Policy Institute
February 4 th , 2021	The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Anna Shavers, Associate Dean of NU College of Law; Eric Berger, Professor, NU College of Law
March 4 th , 2021 12:30 p.m.	Can't Trust it: Race, Policing, the Prison Industrial Complex	Dr. Jeanette Jones, Associate Professor of History and Ethnic Studies, UNL
April 1 st , 2021	Holding Cops Accountable What is Happening Locally?	Ishma Valenti, Director, Community Engagement, Clyde Malone Community Center
May 6 th , 2021	Together One Lincoln	Sandra Washington, Lincoln City Councilwoman

December LWVLL Lunch & Learn

Pictures from the December Lunch & Learn. Guest was Deborah Turner, national president of the League of Women Voters.



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