



*May 2021*

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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

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### Calendar of Events

**May 4 (Tuesday): All Day**  
**Lincoln City General Election**  
Polls open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**May 6 (Thursday): Noon**  
**LWVLL Lunch & Learn**  
**via Zoom:**

*Together One Lincoln*

Sändra Washington,  
Lincoln City Council

*See article at right, and  
check out the spring schedule  
and recordings of previous  
programs on page 4.*

**May 8 (Saturday): 10:30 am**  
**Annual General Membership**  
**Meeting**  
*See article at right.*

### **May 6 Lunch & Learn: “Together One Lincoln”**

The May Lunch and Learn, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County, will be held on May 6 at 12:00 noon. Meeting will be via Zoom, beginning at noon. Speaker will be Lincoln City Council member Sändra Washington, discussing the city’s “Together One Lincoln” project.

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 earlier this week (sent on Friday 4/30), and you should also receive a reminder notice the evening before the meeting.

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, May 3, for the May 6 meeting.) See page 4 for information about the winter/spring series. For recordings of our past presentations in the 2020/2021 season, see <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/#Recordings>.

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### **Announcement of Annual General Membership Meeting**

The Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting for 2021 has been set for Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. Due to the pandemic the meeting will be held on ZOOM and the connection will be sent to you prior to the meeting. The meeting will last about 2 hours. We look forward to gathering in person in the office for meetings when it is safe to do so, but our community is not quite at that stage of general safety yet.

Our bylaws require that membership status must be current to vote on any item in the meeting. Our bylaws and Impact on Issues program can be found at [www.lincolnleague.org](http://www.lincolnleague.org) if you want to review them prior to the meeting.

Looking forward to having you join us on May 8.  
*Mary Boschult, President and the Board of Directors*

## League of Women Voters Membership Renewal

*Sandy Blankenship, Membership Chair*

It's time to renew your membership for League of Women Voters! Remember, memberships expire each year on March 31.

Here are just a few examples of how our Lincoln/Lancaster County League has provided support to area citizens: "Lunch & Learn" sessions have continued via zoom (without the lunch) with the public invited to attend, keeping community members updated on important issues through our web site and Facebook, assistance in getting citizens' absentee ballots collected at city libraries and city offices in Hickman and Waverly, and letters or testimony to the Legislature. Normally we would also be holding several voter registration events! The League is non-partisan and does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We strive to increase understanding of public policy issues and to increase voter participation in elections. Our web site includes links to recordings of our previous Lunch & Learn presentations.

Check our web site for more details: <https://lincolnleague.org>

There are two ways you can renew your membership:

- 1) You can quickly renew your membership online.  
<https://lincolnleague.org/join-us>.
- 2) OR at this same link, download the form to complete and mail it to us along with your check.  
Dues are \$50 / year, \$10 for high school or university students.

Our community needs leaders like you to help ensure that our community is a strong, safe and a vibrant place to live!

Make checks payable to the League of Women Voters Lincoln Lancaster (LWVLL) and mail to:

**League of Women Voters Lincoln Lancaster**  
**4600 Valley Road, Suite 306**  
**Lincoln, NE 68510**



It's time for *Give to Lincoln Day!* This is a bonus fundraising opportunity. Every donation to LWV/LL Education Fund will be increased by a proportional share of a \$500,000 match fund provided by the Lincoln Community Foundation and their sponsors.

Donations can be made by going to the *Give to Lincoln Day* website at [www.givetolincoln.com](http://www.givetolincoln.com) anytime from May 1 through May 25.

Offline check donations can be mailed to: Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall, Ste 100, Lincoln, NE 68508. Mail donations must be postmarked by May 18. Checks must be made to Lincoln Community Foundation with League of Women Voters of Lincoln/Lancaster Education Fund on the Memo line.

Donations to the education fund are tax deductible.

Last year the education fund earned \$2,539.51 through the generosity of 45 donors. Please consider donating in 2021!

## League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County Lunch and Learn Upcoming programs and Links to Previous Programs

**Title: Together One Lincoln**

**Speaker: Sändra Washington, Lincoln City Council**

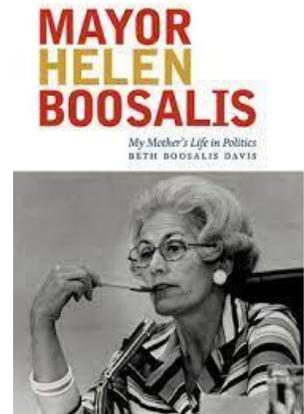
**Thursday, May 6, 2021, on Zoom at Noon**

Members of the public interested in participating in this free Zoom programming can send their name and email address to: [lwvlunchandlearn@gmail.com](mailto: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, May 3, for the May 6 program.

<b>Remaining Winter/Spring 2021 Lunch and Learn Topics and Speakers</b>		
May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Together One Lincoln	Sändra Washington, Lincoln City Councilwoman
<b>Videos of previous presentations for the 2020/2021 season</b>		
<i>September 3, 2020 <a href="#">Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principals and Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County</a> John Cartier, Director of Voting Rights and Dave Shively, Lancaster County Election Commissioner</i>		
<i>October 8, 2020 <a href="#">The Electoral College: Is It Still Relevant?</a> John Comer, Professor Emeritus, UNL Department of Political Science</i>		
<i>November 5, 2020 <a href="#">Redistricting and Apportionment</a> Gavin Geis, Executive Director, Common Cause Nebraska</i>		
<i>December 3, 2020 Dr. Deborah Turner, President of the National League of Women Voters Due to unforeseen technical difficulties the video of Dr. Turner's 12/3/2020 presentation is unavailable. Please enjoy this video <a href="https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvoters/videos/588949825314829">https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvoters/videos/588949825314829</a></i>		
<i>January 7, 2021 <a href="#">Focus on the Coming Nebraska Legislative Session</a> Analysts Craig Beck and Alex Serrurier, OpenSky Policy Institute</i>		
<i>February 4, 2021 <a href="#">The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg</a> Anna Shavers, Associate Dean, NU College of Law; Eric Berger, Professor, NU College of Law</i>		
<i>March 4, 2021 <a href="#">Can't Trust it: Race, Policing, the Prison Industrial Complex</a> Dr. Jeanette Jones, Associate Professor of History and Ethnic Studies, UNL</i>		
<i>April 1, 2021 <a href="#">Holding Cops Accountable; What is Happening Locally?</a> Ishma Valenti, Director, Community Engagement, Clyde Malone Community Center</i>		

## Honoring Helen Boosalis

Some of you may remember Helen or you may have heard of her. She was a Lifetime member and a past President of the Lincoln League of Women Voters. She worked on the Lincoln City Charter to create a strong mayor form of government which was a good choice for our growing community. She was a member of the City Council for 16 years and was elected Lincoln's first female Mayor in 1975. She served as Mayor from 1975 to 1983.



I was fortunate to have been able to work on projects with Helen when she was mayor and also when she was the Director of the state Department on Aging. She was a remarkable person with skills in bringing people together to find solutions.

Beth Boosalis Davis, Helen's daughter, contacted us to see if we would be interested in receiving a donation of her book, *Mayor Helen Boosalis, My Mother's Life in Politics* from the University of Nebraska Press. Of course our reply was yes!

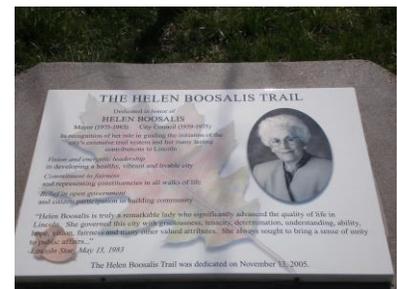
The book recounts Helen's time and work in the Lincoln League as well as her campaigns for city council, mayor and governor. We told Beth that we could use the books as a primer for new board members and for members interested in running for office and also as awards for League accomplishments.

We received a supply of books and will make some copies available in the lending library in our League office. The books will be available after May 8th and there is a check out sheet in the display found in the meeting room in our office. We don't currently have regular office hours due to the pandemic. If you would like to check out a book you can contact me for the access code for the office door.

You may have seen some of Helen's quotes in our publications. One of my favorites is "People should be part of the decisions that affect their lives."

If you use the trails in the city you may have seen the tree that was dedicated to Helen on the Boosalis Trail. It is located at about 38th and Highway 2.

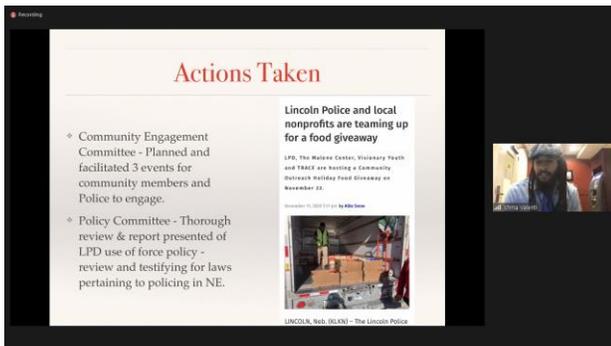
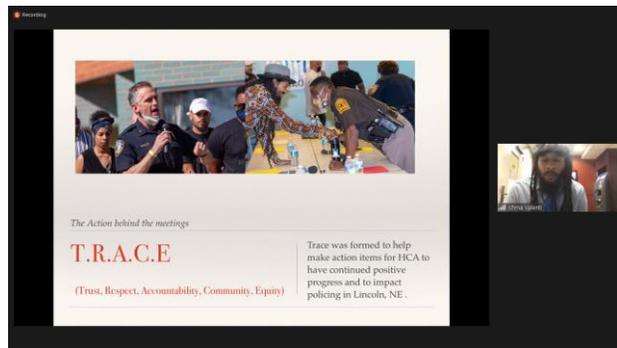
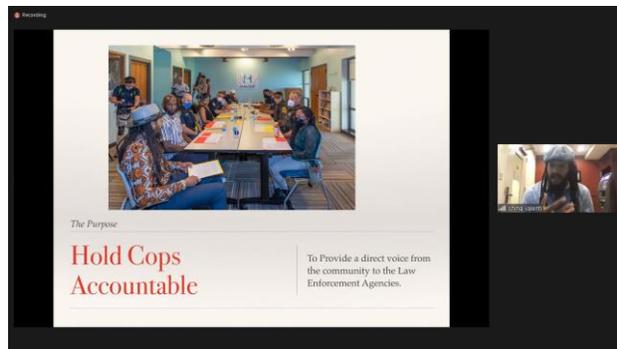
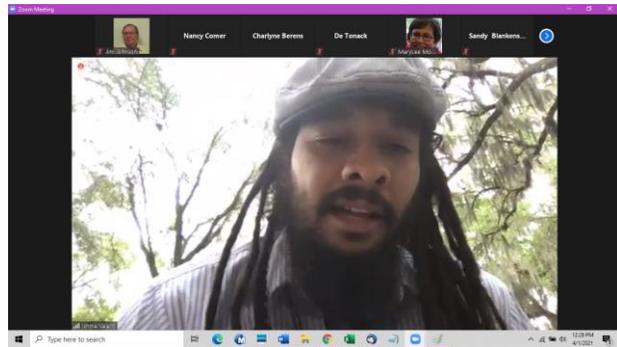
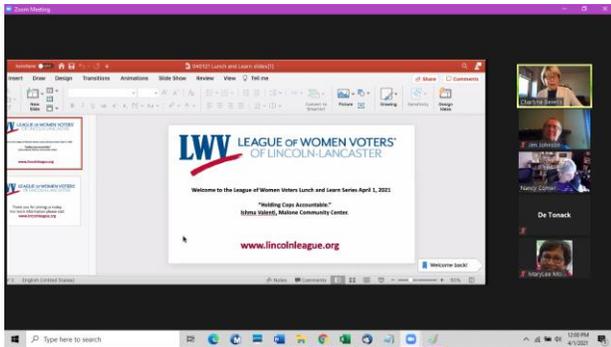
We are thankful to Beth Boosalis Davis for writing this book about her mother, and for offering the opportunity to receive this donation from the University of Nebraska Press.



Submitted by Mary Boschult, President

# April LWVLL Lunch & Learn

Pictures from the April Lunch & Learn. Guest was Ishma Valenti, Director of Community Engagement at the Clyde Malone Community Center, discussing the “Hold Cops Accountable” program.



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