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Calendar of Events

April 1: Annual LWVLL Membership Dues expire; please renew your membership!
See membership Renewal article on page 2.

Apr. 7 (Thursday): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn via Zoom:
Covid-Looking Back and Looking Forward,
with guest speaker Pat Lopez, Director of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department
See article at upper right.

Apr. 7 (Thursday): 6:00 pm
LWVLL Board Meeting

March and April: Various dates.
Voter Registration Events
See Voter Registration Article on page 3.

May 7 (Saturday): Time TBA
Annual General Meeting
RVSP now at: bit.ly/lwvll

May 10: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Primary Election Day

April Lunch and Learn Guest Pat Lopez Discusses “Covid – Looking Back and Looking Ahead”

The April guest at the Lunch and Learn series, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln/Lancaster County, will be Pat Lopez, director of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. This program will be April 7 on Zoom, from noon to 1 P.M. It is one of a series of free informational webinars covering current topics sponsored by the League on the first Thursday of each month, September through May.

If you are a member of LWVLL, or if you had registered for Lunch and Learn meetings last year, you should receive a Zoom link a few days before the event, and a reminder notice the evening before the meeting. Others wishing to register should email lwvlunchandlearn@gmail.com. They will receive the Zoom link via return email and will automatically be registered to receive notice of future League programs.

For over 100 years, the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has encouraged informed and active participation in government, worked to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influenced public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to all.

Go to www.lincolnleague.org for more information or to join the League.



League of Women Voters Membership Renewal

Sandy Blankenship, Membership Chair

It's that time of year—to renew your membership in the League of Women Voters Lincoln and Lancaster County! Our membership year runs from April 1 to March 31, with this year's memberships expiring March 31st.

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 with the public invited to attend, keeping community members updated on important issues through our web site, assistance in getting citizens' absentee ballots collected at city libraries and city offices in Hickman and Waverly, voter registration, and letters or testimony to the Legislature. 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 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 Complete the form below and return it to the address listed.

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

Membership Renewal. *(If renewing by check, please include this form and send it to the office.)*

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am volunteering for _____

(possible examples: helping with voter registration, organizing candidate forums, serving on the League's board, serving on a committee)

_____ Membership is \$50 year, \$10 for high school or university students.

_____ Same in Household (if one member of household is member, with same address, 2nd one can join for \$25)

_____ Donation to LWVLL

_____ Friend of LWVLL (I don't want to join, but want to be a friend and donate to LWVLL)

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

Exciting Voter Registration Action Coming!!!

Please renew as soon as possible so we don't have to send reminders. Thanks!

More Voter Registration Help Needed at High Schools

The League is looking for volunteers to help with high school voter registrations. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage and educate young voters on the voting process.

Below is the list of high schools:

Wed, 3/23/2022, 11:00-12:45: Norris Public School

Tues, 3/29/2022, 10:45-2:30: Lincoln East High School

Thurs, 4/7/2022, 1:00-5:00: Lincoln High School

Tues, 4/12/2022. 11:00-1:00: Pius High School

If you can help with voter registration at one or more of these times, please contact Jane Witte at jgwitte@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Webmaster Needed

Our local League of Women Voters maintains a website at Lincolnleague.org. A new webmaster is needed NOW! This is an easy way to become acquainted with the various activities of the League and add a new skill to your tool bag.

Here is a short description of what that job entails:

Minimum: Updating information on Lunch and Learn series and videos, League newsletters, lists of officers, channeling Contact Us emails to the appropriate officer. Typically, less than 3 hours per month, at your convenience.

Maximum: Unlimited, you can enrich the site with new resources, links to events, etc. The sky is the limit!

The website is based on an easy-to-use WordPress platform which can easily be taught to someone who has never managed a website. The current webmaster, Maureen Ose, will train the new volunteer and provide written reference documents.

Requirements:

- Your own computer
- Internet access
- Basic word processing skills: composing, cutting and pasting, uploading files

Starting date May 1, 2022.

Letter from Becki Gaston-Wise, Lancaster County Deputy Election Commissioner

I want to start by thanking you for your service to the voters of Lancaster County. The partnership between the League of Women Voters and the Lancaster County Election Commission is invaluable. From March 5th to April 20th, together we will have held twenty Registration Drives at schools, libraries, and city offices throughout the county.

Through the pandemic, LWV helped ensure voters could safely and securely turn in their ballots at drop boxes located in our libraries and city offices. We appreciate your willingness to serve on bipartisan teams transporting those drop boxes to and from the Election Commission. Due to uncertainty created by proposed legislation, Lancaster County Election Commissioner Dave Shively announced that we will not be able to offer drop boxes other than that located outside the Election Commission for the May 10th Primary Election. Our current plan which has drop boxes secured by padlocks inside buildings does not meet the requirement in the proposed legislation that drop boxes be securely fastened in the ground or to a concrete slab connected to the ground. With the Primary Election less than two months away, we would not have sufficient time or resources to make the changes required. Because of this, we will not need you to serve as couriers to transport drop boxes for the Primary Election.

We would ask you to consider serving as Poll Workers though. We need people to serve as Clerks, Judges, and Inspectors at our polling places in this and future elections. If you are a registered voter in Lancaster County, can read and write English, have good eyesight and hearing, and can commit to serve on Election Day as well as attend training, we ask that you submit an application. An Election Board Worker Application is available through our website at <https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/314/Election-Commissioner> under the heading Election Board Worker Information, in our office, or at your polling place. If you have questions, please contact Scott Bastin, our Election Board Coordinator, at 402-441-7054.

Said actor George Takei, “My father once told me that American democracy is a people’s democracy at heart, and that it therefore can be as great as the American people, or as fallible. *It depends on all of us.* [emphasis added] But our system is more fragile than we know. To sustain it, we must always cherish the ideals on which it was founded, remain vigilant against the dark forces that threaten it, and actively engage in the process of making it work.” Thank you for being a part of making it work in our community.

-Lancaster County Deputy Election Commissioner Becki Gaston-Wise

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