



ANNUAL REPORT

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*EMPOWERING VOTERS,
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY*

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

Annual Meeting Program, March 5, 2022

Restoring Faith in Our Democracy

Featuring Irene Caudillo, President and CEO of El Centro

Democracy has had a very bad few years, and it's tempting to take a break from working toward a more perfect union. For our annual meeting, Irene Caudillo, president and CEO of El Centro, will discuss why we need to stay in the fight and narrow the gap between voters and elected officials.

President's *Above and Beyond* Awards

Connie Taylor and Diana Carney

Annual Meeting Agenda, March 5, 2022

Call to Order
Greetings from the President
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 Appointment and Introduction of Parliamentarian
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Nominations and Elections
Directions to the Board of Directors
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Adjournment

Rules of the Annual Meeting

- When the Chair recognizes a member, the speaker will give his/her name unless the Chair already has identified the speaker by name.
- Each speaker, when recognized, will be limited to three minutes of comments.
- Any member wishing to speak may do so before anyone may speak a second time on the same subject, unless there is a point of clarification.
- Motions relating to program items shall be made verbally and in writing.
- Anyone proposing a non-recommended item must submit to the chair in writing a plan for implementing the study and specify the member who is committed to chairing the study committee (in case the leader is someone other than the person proposing the study).
- Items relating to the program shall be discussed in the same order in which they were presented to the members of the meeting.
- Direction to the board from members shall be given verbally, and if complex or lengthy, both verbally and in writing to the secretary.

Parliamentary Procedure

As a set of rules for conducting meetings, parliamentary procedure is designed to allow a group to accomplish its goals fairly, as smoothly as possible and with justice and courtesy to all. While the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* applies to all League meetings, the rules that apply during an annual meeting, council or convention are somewhat more formal than the rules that apply in committees and smaller boards. Therefore, the following chart may help you in our annual meeting.

<i>Motions at a Glance</i>			
<i>To Do This:</i>	<i>You Say This:</i>	<i>Debatable?</i>	<i>What Vote?</i>
Introduce new business.	"I move to..."	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by..."	Yes	Majority
Request information	"I rise for a point of information."	No	No Vote
Complain about noise, etc.	"I rise for a question of privilege."	No	No Vote
Call for a brief intermission.	"I move to recess for (?) minutes."	No	Majority
Refer the question to a committee for further study	"I move to refer the motion to the (?) committee for study."	Yes	Majority
Put a limit on debate (or extend debate).	"I move that debate be limited to (or extended to) five minutes."	No	2/3
Close or end debate	"I move the previous question."	No	2/3
Verify a voice vote by rising	"I call for a division" or "Division." <i>Must be made clear before chair states another motion.</i>	No	No Vote
Ask for a counted vote	"I move the vote be counted." <i>Must be made before chair states another motion.</i>	No	Majority
Reconsider an action	"I move to reconsider the vote on the motion to..."	Yes/No	Majority
Call attention to breach of rules	"I rise to a point of order."	No	Chair rules, may be appealed.
Suspend the rules temporarily	"I move to suspend the rules so that...:"	No	2/3
Require a vote when the chair proposed unanimous consent	"I object" or "Objection."	No	---

Minutes of March 6, 2021 Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters of Johnson County Annual Meeting Minutes Zoom March 6, 2021

Call to Order

Ellen Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

Greetings from the President

Ellen Miller welcomed everyone to the Annual Business Meeting. She reminded guests that they were welcome but not eligible to vote or speak out during the meeting. The purpose of the annual meeting is to set the local program and make other decisions for the coming year.

Organization of the Meeting

Declaration of Quorum

Bylaws state that a quorum consisting of 15% of the total voting members must be present. As of January 31, we had 335 members. Marsha Ratzel reported that 88 responded to the poll, of which 83 are members, more than the 50 needed. Eleven non-members were in attendance.

Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules

Ellen Miller said that the meeting would be run according to the bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. The Rules of the Annual Meeting and Parliamentary Procedure were published in the annual report, pages 5-6.

No one asked for a reading of the meeting rules and they were adopted as distributed. Persons wishing to speak were asked to raise their hand in the Zoom dashboard or post comments in the chat, and to limit their remarks to three minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

Robyn Hart moved to adopt the order of business as shown on the screen and in the annual report, page 4, and Kathleen Morrow seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and by voice vote, the agenda was adopted by general consent.

Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee

Ellen Miller announced the proposed members of the committee to approve the minutes: Deb Scott and Mitchell Krasnopoler, with Gloria Hiller as chair. There being no objection, the committee was appointed.

Appointment and Introduction of Parliamentarian

Ellen appointed Carol Farmer as parliamentarian. There were no objections. Parliamentarian Carol Farmer said it has been a pleasure to work with Ellen and learn more about the League. Carol is from Kansas City and moved to Kansas to attend Baker University. She has been a Johnson County resident and voter since then. She was accredited as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian in 2019 and feels privileged to be working with us.

Recognition of Board Members and Committee Chairs

Amber Stenger recognized the board members and committee chairs who served during the term and referred attendees to the officer reports on pages 10-29 in the annual report for their work. The board members recognized are: Kathleen Morrow, Vice President; Jerry Gilson, Vice President; Danielle Keller,

Secretary; Anita Kaiser, Membership; Mitchell Krasnopoler, Communications; Deb Scott and Robyn Hart, Voter Registration; Julie Lester, Voter Information; and Board Appointment Directors Ann Sanders and Mary Lou Jaramillo. Special recognition was given to the five members leaving the board—Kathleen Morrow, Danielle Keller, Julie Lester, Anita Kaiser and Ellen Miller.

Financial Report and Administration

The annual report contains two sections. The first, Appendix A: Annual Financial Review addresses the history of how monies were handled. All is in order. The other section is the proposed fiscal 21-22 operating budget. It addresses the future. It was approved by the budget committee and the board for presentation today.

Attendees were asked to hold all questions and comments until after the financial presentation. Note that no second is needed as it was approved by the committee.

Budget presentation by Harry Bognich, Budget Committee Chair

The budget committee started work in October and along with the chair, the other members were Eileen Marshall and Palita Robinson, with assistance provided by Jerry Gilson (treasurer). When they started in mid-October, COVID-19 still raged and no vaccine was approved at the time. The committee had to create a budget amidst great uncertainty. For budget purposes, it was decided that a return to normal would be planned for about September 2021.

The budget committee asked every committee chair to present every possible activity and expense they might have. They then reviewed all requests and filled in information for the budget. At that point, they had a balanced budget. The final was presented on January 12, 2021, where it was approved to be presented at this Annual Meeting.

Adoption of the budget

The proposed budget is found on pages 29-32 of the annual report. Harry Bognich moved to approve the fiscal year 2021-2022 operating budget. Patricia Martin asked what the unclassified fundraising income is. Harry responded that this was largely unused travel funds. Patricia Martin also asked what are unbudgeted board expenses. Jerry responded that there are times when there are unexpected expenses that are not in the budget. For example, this past fiscal year, we sponsored a centennial statue. Those expenses come out of that category. There were no objections. Adoption of the 2021-2022 budget was put to vote via Zoom poll. All attendees approved, and the budget was adopted. Ellen thanked the budget committee for their work.

Previously Adopted Positions

Existing positions that have been adopted and updated locally since our League began in 1952 are linked from page 33 of the annual report. This vote reaffirms our League's commitment to these positions. Wandra Minor made a motion to re-adopt the existing positions and Janet Milkovich seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by general consent.

Local programs

There are no proposed or non-recommended studies for this year. If today there are suggestions for topics and leaders, please hold those for directions to the board.

Nominations and Elections

Amber Stenger thanked chair Karen Wulfschle and the nominating committee members. Karen Wulfschle presented the nominated slate of officers (found on page 34 of the annual report):

President – Amber Stenger

Vice President – Janet Milkovich

Secretary – Tinna Hung

Co-Directors: Membership – Eileen Manza, Victoria Smith

Co-Directors: Voter Information - Marie Hernandez, Debbie Kitchin

Nominating Committee – Mary Lou Jaramillo (chair), Kathryn Hockley, Leslie Mark

Amber noted that the board will appoint two additional members to the nominating committee. Amber noted that Eileen Manza and Victoria Smith have been appointed to fill out Anita Kaiser's term. There were no further nominations. The officers are nominated by acclamation.

Amber thanked Ellen for her service and presented her with an award.

Directions to the Board of Directors

Amber Stenger, as the newly elected President, presided over the remainder of the meeting. She called for directions to the board. The following instructions were provided: put a comment in the chat or raise your hand virtually, wait to be recognized, and keep recommendations to three minutes. If recommending a study, include a proposed leader for that study.

- Consider how to encourage those electronically challenged to participate (Patricia Martin)
 - o Consider having a pre-unit meeting, inviting people to come learn how to use Zoom (Pat Martin)
 - o Consider how to increase engagement in general (Leslie Mark)
- Review our position statements through a DEI lens (Mary Lou Jaramillo)
- Find a way for every member of the League to make a commitment to our League's DEI initiative (Dr. Ann Sanders)
 - o Initiate a book club - Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste* or *Warmth of Other Suns* (Leslie Mark)
 - o List suggestions in the VOTER newsletter and other places regarding actions people can take to make a personal commitment to DEI. (Kathleen Morrow)
 - o Take some of the Harvard implicit bias tests (Kay Heley)
- How do we make our meetings even more welcoming to new people (Kay Heley)
- How can LWVJoCo work with LWVKS to counter legislative efforts to limit access to voting (Paula Schwach)
 - o Inform and encourage members to reach out to their elected Representatives and let them know you want them to vote against legislation that limits opportunities to vote.
- Pick one item for lobbying each meeting. Give people a postcard with specific instructions (e.g. phone your rep at this number and give them messaging)
 - o Make it easy for people to give feedback to their leaders (Pat Martin)
- Make the link to join more prominent (Juliet Sinclair)

Note that legislative coffees with the Johnson County Library will start again, virtually.

Deb Scott noted that members can provide additional suggestions throughout the year. Amber invites League members to attend the state convention April 24.

Adjournment


There being no further business, Amber Stenger adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

Submitted by,



Tinna Hung
LWVJoCo Secretary (Acting)

Approved by,



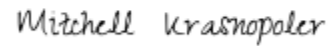
Gloria Hiller
Annual Minutes
Committee Chair

Approved by,



Deb Scott
Annual Minutes
Committee

Approved by,



Mitchell Krasnopoler
Annual Minutes
Committee

President's Message

Amber Stenger

In many ways, 2022 felt like a continuation of 2021. But despite COVID-19, our deeply divided world and several other obstacles, members of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County persevered in their mission to educate and engage voters.

Here's a snapshot of all of the voters we connected with in 2021:

- 1,070 people attended 16 candidate forums hosted with 11 partner groups. (See our [Voter Information report, p. 16.](#))
- More than 1,100 people attended or watched our 10 educational programs on important policy issues. (See our [Vice President report, p. 12.](#))
- 30,000+ people reached through our social media channels. (See our [Communications report, p. 23.](#))
- 500+ people encouraged to register to vote, despite in-person voter registration events being suspended in July 2020. (See our [Voter Registration report, p. 15.](#))

External priorities

In addition to our bread-and-butter work of educating and engaging voters, the board selected redistricting and the National Popular Vote as our priorities in 2021.

Redistricting: Under the leadership of Connie Taylor, our Redistricting Champion, LWVJoCo members participated in the People Powered Fair Maps (PPFM) intra-League working group to educate members and the community about the importance of the redistricting process. With this team's guidance, training and encouragement, 32 LWVJoCo members testified before the legislative redistricting committee in August to fight for a fair and transparent process, and *The Kansas City Star* published six letters about redistricting from our members. Connie also served as LWVJoCo's redistricting subject matter expert in numerous public forums and worked closely with several community organizations in Johnson and Wyandotte counties to support their redistricting educational and advocacy efforts.

In addition to these educational efforts, the PPFM team created maps to submit to the Kansas Legislature. At the time of this writing, the team's focus is on the house after Kansas senators approved a map that splits Wyandotte County along I-70. Even after this legislative session, their work will continue and shift to advocating for the creation of an independent commission to oversee redistricting in Kansas. (See our [PPFM report, p. 29.](#))

National Popular Vote: In January 2021, the board also selected the National Popular Vote as a priority. Our September program contrasted and compared the electoral system and other ways to select our president and described how the National Popular Vote worked.

Internal priorities

Our members worked on several other fronts to make our organization more effective.

501(c)(3) designation: On Nov. 19, LWVJoCo learned that the IRS approved its application for 501(c)(3) tax status, retroactive to Aug. 27, when Ellen Miller and Anita Kaiser submitted the 32-page application. With this designation, donations to LWVJoCo are tax deductible, and the organization has a better chance of receiving grants. Because of Ellen and Anita's vision and determination during the 27-month

process, LWVJoCo is poised to be a powerhouse for voters in the years to come. (See our [Development report, p. 13.](#))

Strategic planning: LWVJoCo's last long-range plan ended in 2020. With challenges and uncertainties created by the pandemic, the board was not able to undertake this all-important planning process until this year. With the guidance of Elevate Agency of Wichita, the board identified goals for the organization. Members then helped create strategies to achieve these goals during the January member planning meeting. The goal is to present the 2022-2027 LWVJoCo Strategic Plan to members at the 2022 Annual Meeting on March 5 or soon after. This road map will be a great tool for future leaders.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI): In June 2020, LWVUS adopted DEI as its second bylaws policy, co-equal with nonpartisanship. We updated our bylaws to reflect that and continued our DEI initiative to make our organization more welcoming and inclusive. Phase 1 of this initiative, led by Mary Lou Jaramillo and Dr. Ann Sanders, started in 2019 with a leadership-down model with board and committee chair workshops. Phase II started in December 2020 and continued with a newly formed planning team. In June 2021, the board approved the committee's plan that outlined actions to build DEI awareness among members at the personal, interpersonal and institutional levels. Many thanks to Jeannine Linnane for stepping up to serve as our board-level DEI director and to Kay Heley for helping her lead the committee. The [DEI resource page](#) on our website and DEI features in our emails and newsletter are just a few of the plan's actions that have been implemented this year. (See our [DEI report, p. 22.](#))

Growth and visibility

Members expanded our outreach in myriad ways in this fiscal year. One I'd like to highlight is The Voter Girl Project. Our Voter Information leaders, Marie Hernandez and Debbie Kitchin, did an amazing job providing opportunities for voters to learn about the people running for local office in 2021, setting an LWVJoCo all-time record of 16 candidate forums. (See our [Voter Information report, p. 16.](#))

In 2022, Marie and Debbie turned their attention to the next generation of voters. LWVJoCo planned to host The Voter Girl Project with the Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri on Jan. 29. in Olathe, but the event was postponed to April because of COVID concerns. League members will help elementary-age Girl Scouts experience democracy firsthand and earn citizenship badges. Johnson County Election Commissioner Fred Sherman agreed to take part in the workshop. Marie and Debbie invited several other local Leagues to participate, and we hope to expand the program in 2023.

This report only skims the surface of the many, many accomplishments of our unflappable members and outstanding board: Janet Milkovich, vice president; Jerry Gilson, treasurer; Tinna Hung, secretary; Eileen Manza and Victoria Smith, membership; Robyn Hart and Deb Scott, voter registration; Marie Hernandez, voter information; Mitchell Krasnopoler, communications; Jeannine Linnane, DEI; and Ellen Miller, development.

Despite everything, our members continue to meet the future with determined optimism and unabashed hope. It's because of all of you that LWVJoCo is able to make a difference.

Thank you for your support and commitment to voters and our democracy.

Vice President

Janet Milkovich

The major responsibility of the vice president is to cultivate relationships with speakers from a wide field of interests and then to plan and carry out programs offered at monthly meetings and special events throughout the year. Member input garnered from the annual survey and the Local League Position Handbook influenced the times and topics of the programs. Redistricting and gerrymandering rose to the top of the list of priorities for this year.

More than 1,100 people attended or watched our 10 programs from March 2021 through February 2022.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all programs were conducted via Zoom, recorded and placed on our [YouTube channel](#). Our tech teams did an outstanding job.

A summary of the programs:

Saturday morning, March 6, 2021—**Going the Extra Mile to Safeguard Elections**. Speaker: Connie Schmidt, Former Johnson County Election Commissioner

102 Attended plus 31 YouTube views (133)

Thursday evening, April 8, 2021—**Equal Opportunity Housing: Improving Equity of the Housing Market in JoCo**. Speakers: Julie Brewer of United Community Services of JoCo, Will Ruder of the Home Builders Association of Greater KC and Ashley Barboza, an educator in Johnson County

62 Attended plus 41 YouTube views (103)

Saturday morning, May 1, 2021—**Criminal Justice Reform: Alternatives to Incarcerating Our Youth**. Speakers: Lora McDonald of more², Barbara Staib of the National Association for Shoplifting and Darryl Burton, co-founder of Miracle of Innocence

67 attended. *At the speakers' request, the program was not recorded.*

Thursday, morning, May 6, 2021—**Making Your Voice Heard**. Speaker: Derek Donovan, *The Kansas City Star* community engagement editor

33 attended plus 20 YouTube views (53)

Saturday morning, June 5, 2021—**Voting Matters: A Conversation with Election Commissioners**. Speakers Fred Sherman, Johnson County Election Commissioner, and Michael Abbott, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner

78 attended plus 55 YouTube views (133)

Thursday, evening, June 10, 2021—**Legislative Recap: The Good, The Bad & The Oh-SO-Very Ugly**. Speakers: Sherman Smith, editor of the Kansas Reflector; Heather Ousley, president of the Shawnee Mission Board of Education; and Jacque Lightcap, co-president of the LWV Kansas

53 attended plus 25 YouTube views (78)

Saturday morning, Sept. 11, 2021—**National Popular Vote: How Should We Elect Our Next President.** Speakers: Paul D. Schumaker, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Kansas, and Andrea Vieux, associate professor of political science at Johnson County Community College

81 attended plus 71 YouTube Views (152)

Saturday morning, Oct. 2, 2021—**Critical Race Theory: Acknowledging the Past & Reimagining the Future.** Speakers: Mará Rose Williams, member of the Editorial Board for *The Kansas City Star* and C. Tyler Curtis, educator, published opinion writer and development officer for the United Methodist Foundation

76 attended plus 137 YouTube views (213)

Saturday morning, Nov. 6, 2021—**The Pivotal Role of Water: The Current State of Water in Kansas.** Speakers: Connie Owen, director of the Kansas Water Office; Dawn Buehler, riverkeeper and chair of the Kansas Water Authority; Rep. Ron Highland, chair of the Kansas House Committee on Water; and Rep. Lindsay Vaughn, minority leader of the Kansas House Committee on Water

73 attended plus 105 YouTube Views (178)

Saturday morning, Feb. 5, 2022—**Segregated History.** Moderator: Mark McCormick of ACLU Kansas. Panelists: Gretchen Cassel Eick, professor of history at Friends University, and Rev. Robert Johnson, board director for Kansas Interfaith Action and pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Wichita

Development: IRS C-3 Status

Ellen Miller

The 2016-2020 strategic plan's Infrastructure goal included these financial activities:

- "Take advantage of grant opportunities that support the League mission."
- "Develop a donor base for funds raising."

In subsequent years, it became apparent that achieving either meant gaining IRS C-3 tax-deductible status. Almost all foundations require it before reviewing funding requests. Donors seek its tax-deductible benefit. Other Leagues nationally were getting C-3 status. We started working on this.

Review of the complex 32-page online form began in September 2019. Additional, mandated appendices included IRS C-3 required text in our bylaws, our Kansas Articles of Incorporation and a Conflict-of-Interest policy. We benefited greatly from the pro bono advice, sample text and section reviews by LWVUS advisor Tom Carson. He has helped many state and local Leagues convert to IRS C-3 status.

The online form's "Narrative Description of Activities" section sought information about past, present and current steps. LWVJoCo leaders provided needed data about activities and statistics for the previous three years. But the onset of the COVID pandemic in March 2020 made describing current (hardly any) and future (unknown) actions generic at best. Treasurer Anita Kaiser recast the required five years of financial data into IRS categories (not simple). On Aug. 27, 2020, Anita and I filed the online application and appendices. IRS warned that review could take up to 18 months.

Dealing with IRS

From 2018 on, the IRS was slammed with:

- budget and staffing cuts
- COVID restrictions
- cutting millions of American Rescue Plan checks

Many staff that normally processed the 80,000 C-3 applications received annually were detailed elsewhere. Getting status information wasn't simple. The IRS does not use email due to security concerns. In contrast to the 2021 real-time, electronic world, IRS staff communicate via telephone, fax or US postal service. Truly heartfelt thanks go to IRS Exempt Unit Agent Joseph Kennedy and his supervisor, Maria Tritch, for making and taking phone calls.

Talking to a real person soothed our nail-biting suspense as mishaps and delays started early in 2021:

March: An unexpected voicemail from our IRS examiner asked why we hadn't responded to his letter requesting additional information (never delivered to our PO box).

April: Our fax providing that additional information was misplaced by IRS (unknown to us).

June: We received an erroneous IRS letter 1314 stating "case closed, no determination" (since the IRS thought we hadn't provided requested additional information).

June-October: Weekly, we faxed or left voicemails with the IRS seeking help. (Fortunately, IRS found our fax and the erroneous IRS letter 1314 was deleted.)

August: The IRS required an extra review step by a new unit (for political organizations, although apparently not all Leagues have it).

Nov. 19: Our PO box contained IRS letter 947 approving our application for C-3 tax status, saying that "...Donors can deduct contributions..." and "You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts..." The C-3 status is retroactive to our application date of Aug. 27, 2020.

All told, the entire process took 27 months. Fortunately, the final approval coincided with work on a new LWVJoCo strategic plan. We all can celebrate having an updated tool kit that now includes IRS C-3 tax-deductible status.

Voter Registration: Overview

Deb Scott and Robyn Hart

Overview: Voter Registration comprises the subcommittees associated with registering voters in high schools, colleges, community events, senior centers and naturalization ceremonies. The COVID-19 pandemic restricted or canceled many of the usual in-person activities, resulting in a dramatic change in approach. Using technology and printed materials, the team revised their previous plans to reach the targeted audiences. All naturalization ceremonies were suspended in 2021.

Training: Digital materials for training others to register citizens, created in 2020, were used to communicate with targeted groups. The materials included PowerPoint presentations with and without audio, informational documents and YouTube videos, with a combined 948 views. The content explained how to register to vote, how to utilize VOTE411.org and why voting matters. Our high school/college committees communicated with schoolteachers and officials offering the videos, PowerPoint presentations and other online resources.

Projects: Using Zoom virtual meeting technology, the team met with the subcommittees and volunteers for suggestions on how to best carry out the mission of increasing voter registration, particularly in underrepresented communities. We formed partnerships with other community groups, which helped facilitate the distribution of printed and digital materials. The materials utilized both the ksvotes.org and VOTE411.org and QR codes. Using the same graphics, sandwich boards were placed at voter registration events, food pantries, JCCC and KCKCC.

A pilot project to increase voter registration in apartment complex communities was initiated. Our flyers and business cards were delivered or mailed to 20 low income/affordable apartment complexes along with a letter explaining how to access ksvotes.org to make an address change or initiate new voter registration. The response from the property managers was enthusiastic, and the project will be expanded in 2022.

In-person events: As COVID restrictions began to lift in the spring of 2021, several voter registration events were held at high schools in Wyandotte County and at senior living centers.

Suspension of in-person voter registration: In June 2021, the Kansas legislature passed HR 2183, which stated anyone appearing to represent an election worker or knowingly “engaging in conduct that gives the appearance of being an election official or engaging in conduct that would cause another person to believe a person engaging in such conduct is an election official” would be charged with a felony. The state league (LWVK) was concerned for members’ personal safety at in-person events and halted all in-person registration events as of July 1. The League asked for clarification of the law from the courts, which is pending. In Johnson County, we shifted to voter informational events and shared our printed business cards with QR codes to both ksvotes.org and VOTE411.org. While this was felt to be successful, we were unable to record the number of voter registrations completed as we have done in the past.

Several in-person voter registration events were held before the suspension. All events were held out of doors with COVID precautions. The following results include in-person events held prior to the suspension and voter information events after the suspension.

- Total registration events—5
- Total informational events—4
- Total volunteers—52
- Volunteer hours—146
- Total registrations—37

- Advance ballot applications—16
- Updated registrations—15
- Ksvotes.org cards handed out at events—179
- Number of additional contacts made at events—244

Moving forward: The details of these projects, efforts and initiatives are available on Google drive, and the documents will be available to voter registration chairs in the future. The email address will be transferred to the new co-chairs.

Voter Registration: Naturalization Ceremonies

Christine Hutchins

In 2021, all naturalization ceremonies were held at the Dole Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, KS. 1,346 new citizens were naturalized this past year. Due to a combination of COVID and the Leagues in Kansas not being able to hold in-person voter registration events because of a new Kansas law, the Naturalization Ceremonies Committee did not participate in any voter registration of new citizens; however, we did continue to provide voter registration handout materials for them.

The court will continue with naturalization ceremonies in KCK during 2022, but they will be “COVID-style,” not open to the public. Two ceremonies are scheduled for Johnson County Community College this spring, and if allowed, the League will be available to register new citizens to vote. At a minimum, the committee will continue to provide new citizens with voter registration handout materials.

Voter Information: Legislative Coffees

Marie Hernandez

LWVJoCo, in partnership with the Johnson County Library (JCL), hosted four Legislative Coffees. All of the coffees were virtual using Zoom webinar due to the COVID-19 pandemic. LWVJoCo worked with Ashley Ficke of JCL on these events.

- March 20, 2021, 77 attendees
- March 27, 2021, 53 attendees
- April 3, 2021, 57 attendees
- April 10, 2021, 47 attendees

Voter Information: Candidate Forums

Marie Hernandez

Overview: LWVJoCo co-hosted 16 virtual nonpartisan forums with 11 partner organizations, which reached 1,070 attendees.

Candidate Forum	League Volunteers	Attendees	Partners
Candidate Forum Primary Olathe BOE	2	89	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas
Candidate Forum Primary Olathe City Council	3	60	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas
Candidate Forum Primary Lenexa Council	2	38	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas
Candidate Forum Primary OP Mayor	2	156	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas
Candidate Forum Primary OP Council 1 and 2	2	56	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas
Candidate Forum Primary OP Council 4 and 5	2	38	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas
Candidate Forum Primary WYCO Council	2	73	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas, Dotte Votes, Safe & Welcoming Wyandotte Coalition, El Centro
Candidate Forum Primary WYCO Mayor	2	75	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas, Dotte Votes, Safe & Welcoming Wyandotte Coalition, El Centro
Candidate Forum Primary WYCO Sheriff	2	75	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, ACLU of Kansas, Dotte Votes, Safe & Welcoming Wyandotte Coalition, El Centro
Candidate Forum General JCCC Trustees	2	76	JCCC Faculty Association
Candidate Forum General Shawnee Mission School Board	2	60	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Climate Action KC, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, Northeast Johnson County Chamber
Candidate Forum General Blue Valley School Board	2	61	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Climate Action KC, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, Northeast Johnson County Chamber
Candidate Forum General KCK School Board	2	32	Mainstream Coalition, Climate Action KC, Dotte Votes, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, Safe & Welcoming Wyandotte, Servicing L.I.P.P.S.
Candidate Forum General WYCO BPU	2	31	Mainstream Coalition, Climate Action KC, Dotte Votes, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, Safe & Welcoming Wyandotte, Servicing L.I.P.P.S.

Candidate Forum General JOCO Water Board	2	45	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Climate Action KC, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, Northeast Johnson County Chamber
Candidate Forum General Olathe School Board	2	58	Mainstream Coalition, Advocacy & Awareness Group of Johnson County, Climate Action KC, Mid-America LGBT Chamber, Northeast Johnson County Chamber

All candidate forums were posted on our [YouTube channel](#) as well as our partners' YouTube channels. We had 934 views of the JCCC candidate forum and 3,075 views of the other forums combined.

Process: Fifteen of the 16 Forums were coordinated with the Mainstream Coalition. All forums had the same planning and format. In weekly conferences, Michael Poppa and his team (Mainstream Coalition) and Marie Hernandez and Debbie Kitchin (LWVJoCo) worked out the dates, order, the practice agenda and the rules for the nonpartisan forums. They contacted possible partners in the month prior to contacting the candidates. Julie Passet of Mainstream created a separate email for people to submit possible questions for the candidates. All partner organizations were requested to forward questions to the League for approval. Some partners supplied moderators.

The General JCCC Trustee Candidate Forum was coordinated with Terri Easley-Giraldo of JCCC. Regular planning meetings were held to work out the dates and order of the forum. JCCC contacted all candidates and ran the Zoom webinar. The JCCC Faculty Association supplied one question for the candidate forum. The League provided one question and the rest of the questions came from the community.

Weeks ahead of the actual date, we presented the essential information in electronic invitation letters to the candidates. Follow-up email invitations were sent, and then a phone call was made if a candidate had still not responded.

The League volunteers had to reach out to subject matter experts to increase the number of questions that were relevant to each race. The League also created questions for each race. The questions kept in a Google spreadsheet were ordered and edited in preparation for each forum. During the forum, the questions were served to the moderator and adjusted based on the candidates' responses. The League met with each moderator to come up with a custom communication plan for the night of the event. Some moderators used the spreadsheet. Others wanted questions texted to them. The League volunteers and moderator were in contact by text during the entire event to deal with issues and to support the moderator.

All partners and the League advertised all events on social media. We reached out to the *Shawnee Mission Post* to coordinate our events and cross-promote their events.

Recommendation: Virtual forums utilizing Zoom and Zoom Webinar should remain a viable option for forums going forward. The expense is minimal, flexibility is optimum and exposure is unlimited. Also, it can be a very efficient use of volunteer time and effort.

Voter Information: Youth Outreach

Marie Hernandez

For the first time, LWVJoCo will host a The Voter Girl (VG) Project with the Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri. The Voter Girl Project is a program started by the Kent, Ohio, League that provides Girl Scout activities with the support of the League of Women Voters. The Voter Girl Project celebrates democracy and introduces young girls to the election process.

The League purchased the materials to run our own VG event and will be able to use this material for any event the League puts on with the Girl Scouts. The League can also share it with other Kansas Leagues who want to work with LWVJoCo.

Our event was scheduled for Jan. 29, 2022 at Johnson County K-State Extension and Research in Olathe from 9 a.m. to noon but had to be postponed until April 2022 because of COVID concerns. The League will be offering three classes (25 Daisies, 30 Brownies, 30 Juniors). The ages of the participants will be K-5th grade.

The League has 15+ League volunteers actively planning the event. The League is working closely with Tracy Hull of the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts are providing the registration, snacks, office support, additional volunteers, printing and contacts.

Voter Information: Voter to Voter

Spencer Smith

Overview: [Voter to Voter](#) is a project of the Voter Network. It relies on volunteer ambassadors connecting with people they already know, such as family, friends or co-workers, and encouraging them to vote.

- Ambassadors are asked to try to get 10 people they know to go out and vote.
- Ambassadors have access to the Voter to Voter database, where they can look up their acquaintances and see if they are frequent voters and help them track their voting progress in current elections (if mail-in ballots have been requested, etc).
- Ambassadors provide voting information and follow up as needed with their friends and family throughout the election season.
- Ambassadors are provided training in using the online database and receive communications with voting information and motivation tips.

LWVJoCo stats: This was our fourth year participating in Voter to Voter. We had 31 active ambassadors who connected with a total of 559 voters. 49% of these contacts, or 273 people, voted in the 2021 Municipal General Election. In addition, 41% of these contacts, or 230 people, were considered infrequent voters.

Statewide stats: In the 2021 election cycle, 1,642 ambassadors on 349 teams participated in Voter to Voter. Seven local Leagues in Kansas sponsored teams, including Johnson County, Manhattan-Riley County, Topeka-Shawnee County, Emporia, Lawrence-Douglas County and Leavenworth County.

Voter Information: [VOTE411.org](#)

Candy Birch

League of Women Voters US provides this powerful online tool to allow voters to learn about and compare candidates specific to their voting precinct. Candy Birch, assisted by Nancy Mays, Lisa Bonds and Sarah Sullivan, headed the Johnson County effort. The committee was assisted by Voter Information leaders Marie Hernandez and Deborah Kitchin.

The VOTE411 team collected email contact information of the candidates from the election office, candidate websites, texts and Facebook Messenger. The teams wrote and submitted our questions for the candidates to LWV of Kansas (LWVK) to post on VOTE411.org.

National statistics (from LWVUS): This year, VOTE411 had over 1.7 million sessions from Jan. 1 through Election Day, and over 1.1 million of those sessions included the online voters' guides. That represents a 92% increase in sessions nationwide to voters' guides on VOTE411 compared to the 2017 cycle (technically the most comparable election cycle), and a 4.75% increase over the 2019 election cycle (the previous odd year with the most sessions). These are amazing numbers and show just how much the voters turn to the League to find the information they need on Election Day.

On Nov. 2, we had detailed candidate information on over 27,000 candidates from 13,000 races across the county. That means that we had 14,000 more candidates on VOTE411 than in the 2017 cycle, and 3,000 more candidates than the 2018 midterm election. This growth in the number of candidates and races on the site is a result of the increased number of states and local Leagues in the VOTE411 voters' guide program. Over 335 Leagues from 34 states participated in the voters' guide program this cycle.

Local statistics: In this nonpartisan 2021 election cycle in Johnson County, there were 45 candidates in the primary election and 167 in the general election. Our volunteers emailed the candidates several times to encourage participation.

Only 77 of the 167 candidates in the November election responded. That is only 46% of the candidates. In contrast, the total number of candidates in contested races across the state of Kansas was 551, and only 170 candidates (31%) participated. It is possible that this is simply the nature of odd-year local elections.

The main challenge continues to be getting as many candidates as possible to respond to the questions so that the VOTE411 website can be as informative and thorough as possible. Unfortunately, many candidates opted NOT to respond to the questions.

Recommendations: For the 2022 midterm elections, LWVJoCo should greatly increase its efforts to publicize VOTE411.org to its own members who should, in turn, encourage people in their spheres of influence to use the website. A short tutorial on using the website should be presented at a general meeting (followed by an eblast) at least one month before the primary election and again before the general election.

We recommend recruiting a team of volunteers to gather information about races in Wyandotte County for the 2022 midterm elections.

The Voter Services team should also encourage online voter registration in postcards and flyers in welcome packets targeted to the thousands of potential voters in apartment complexes and include information promoting VOTE411.

Voter Information: Souls to the Polls

Elizabeth Ann Sanders, PhD; Amber Adams; Arlana Coleman

[Souls to the Polls](#) (STP) is a nonpartisan, grassroots initiative that is designed to ensure ALL voices are included at the "Tables of Power." Beginning in November 2019, the board of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County approved the Souls to the Polls voter turnout initiative. In its initial year, STP had phenomenal success despite the COVID pandemic. The success was based on forming sound partnerships with other like-minded civic organizations: Mainstream Coalition, the Ministerial Alliance, Wyandotte County NAACP, Connect the Dots, Servicing L.I.P.S, LWVJoCo and the National Pan-Hellenic Council of local fraternities and sororities. As a result of the implementation of the innovative strategy of utilizing car caravans, the Souls to the Polls dynamic members were able to reach 7,165 citizens' homes in 2020.

This past year, the "baton of leadership" was passed to two outstanding women organizers in Wyandotte County: Amber Adams, lead, and Arlana Coleman. Important STP historical documents and membership rosters were shared with the new leaders. Ann Sanders remains passionately committed to the Souls to the Polls initiative and serves as mentor and supportive member.

Thus far, STP leaders have worked to increase voter turnout in the Nov. 2, 2021, local elections in Wyandotte County. Also, we have:

1. Hosted a number of planning meetings.
2. Actively supported efforts to inform constituents of redistricting proposals.
3. Encouraged and helped publicize community conversations with elected officials.
4. Contacted candidates to be listed on VOTE411.org or ksvotes.org and encouraged them to answer the candidate questions.
5. Began planning a student-led initiative to get 18-year-old students to register.
6. Began discussions on establishing focus groups to get input on issues.
7. Created a press release for the November 2021 elections.
8. Created an informational election flyer with a QR code about the November 2021 elections.
9. Worked with Mainstream Coalition to send the 2021 election flyer to all churches in Wyandotte County.
10. Planned to seek input from past STP members regarding their meeting preferences: in-person, virtual or a combination of both modalities.
11. Began planning 2022 car caravans.
12. Began re-establishing contact with the media.
13. Began contacting our past organizational partners to enlist their support.

Given the fact that a new Kansas law has been enacted that threatens felony prosecution of anyone who engages in activities that can be mistakenly believed to be the work of an election official, Kansas Leagues have refrained from in-person voter registrations. Thus, the work and car caravans sponsored by Souls to the Polls are of paramount importance to engage citizens and to “Get Out the Vote!”

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

Jeannine Linnane

While the ongoing pandemic has limited in-person programming, the DEI Committee has focused on other tangible actions including:

- At the June meeting, the board approved the Phase 2 Action Plan, which is available on the [League website](#). The plan includes measurable metrics and members of the DEI committee are working with other committees to examine their work through the DEI lens.
- Created a [DEI Resources](#) section on LWVJoCo’s website, which includes the League’s DEI statement, links to training modules and the Phase 2 Action Plan.
- Began presenting a DEI moment at all League programs. The moments at the meetings include information on a topic, such as cultural appropriation, and the follow-up email includes resources, such as books and websites, for additional learning. When events move to in-person, these will include a short discussion component with neighbors.

Communications

Mitchell Krasnopoler

Members of the Communications Committee worked many hours throughout the year to encourage voting in all elections, educate voters about issues, publicize LWVJoCo events and inspire action on League-supported legislative efforts.

Committee members are Mitchell Krasnopoler (chair), Kathleen Morrow, Diana Carney, Tinna Hung, Bonnie Limbird,, Marsha Ratzel, Connie Taylor, Heidi Matthews, Danielle Keller and Karen Plummer. We successfully kept our members and interested citizens involved during the COVID-19 pandemic, through engaging and lively virtual meetings.

We updated content on our website a few times per month, as needed (e.g., for events). In 2021, we sent out 20 eblasts to members (an email every two to four weeks), published extensive monthly newsletters (The VOTER), created many Facebook and Twitter posts and distributed several press releases to a variety of media outlets with a focus on reaching diverse communities. We have continued to build followers on our Instagram account.

Our efforts contributed to:

- Attendance at Legislative Coffees and monthly meetings that were all virtual in 2021.
- Attendance to partner events through cross-promotion.
- Media coverage of our monthly meetings and events.
- Member and public engagement through social media.
- A 7% increase in Facebook page followers.
- A 19% increase in Twitter followers.
- A 23% increase in Instagram followers.

Encouraged actions

Through eblasts, Facebook posts and the website, we focused on getting people to register to vote and then to cast a ballot. LWVJoCo encouraged participation in Voter to Voter as well.

We also urged people to contact state and federal elected officials about several issues. Our focus this year has been redistricting.

Eblasts

We sent weekly eblasts to about 700 subscribers. We use this channel to promote the organization and share opportunities to advocate and engage. The average eblast open rates January 2021 to December 2021 were:

MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
OPEN RATE	APPROX NUMBER SENT	OPEN RATE	APPROX NUMBER SENT
62%	262	38%	430

Note that both our member and nonmember open rates are significantly higher than the national average of 20%.

Facebook posts

- We increased our Facebook page followers by 7%, from 1,798 people to 1,921.
- Our posts had a reach of more than 31,000 throughout the year.
- We created hundreds of posts and shared posts from the national and Kansas Leagues.

Twitter posts (tweets)

- During the year, we had more than 91,000 tweet impressions (This is a total tally of all the times the tweet was seen. This includes not only the times it appears in one of our followers' timelines but also the times it has appeared in search or because of someone liking the tweet.)
- We have 518 followers, up 84 from 202, a 19% increase.

Instagram posts

- We created more than 250 posts.
- We currently have 418 followers—a 23% increase from the end of 2020.

LWVJoCo website

Usage from January 2021 to December 2021:

- About 32,000 page views (page views are the total number of pages viewed; repeated views are counted). This is a small decrease from 2020 possibly because 2020 was a presidential election year and 2021 had only local elections.
- 9,100 sessions (a session is the period a user is actively engaged with our website).
- 7,000 users (people who initiated at least one session with our website during the year).
- Top pages for the year were the home page, events and the redistricting page.

Member Management Software: Using ClubExpress

League members have successfully used the new website/ClubExpress member management system. Over 200 renewed online. Of our 305 members, only 54 have never logged in.

The VOTER newsletter

We published the newsletter monthly in 2021.

The average VOTER open rates in 2021 were: 56% among members and 39% among nonmembers.

YouTube

102 subscribers (up from 83 in December 2020). By reaching 100 subscribers, we were able to customize our channel name: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LWVJOCOKS4VOTERS>

The following videos had the most viewers:

February 2021	Gerrymandering & Fair Representation: What Kansans Need to Know About Redistricting	185 views
October 2021	Critical Race Theory: Acknowledging the Past, Reimagining the Future	140 views

Media coverage

This year, we were mentioned 12 times in the traditional media and partner communications. Outlets include the *Shawnee Mission Post* and *The Kansas City Star*. Most of these mentions consisted of calendar events and articles about issues the League is focusing on. In addition, several members' letters to the editor were published throughout the year.

Membership

Eileen Manza and Victoria Smith

The first line in the job description for Membership is "Help retain current membership and recruit new members." This became the driving force for nearly everything the 14-member team did throughout the year. We worked closely with the president and treasurer as well as the communications chair for ongoing ClubExpress instruction. Reports of new members and donor gifts were generated on a weekly basis to dedicated team members for follow-up and acknowledgement.

Our goal was to increase the number of new members by 45 people. We ended the year exceeding our goal by 22, giving us a total of 67 new members.

Total membership did fall slightly from the beginning of the year, from 323 to 307 members (as of Jan. 15, 2022). But the momentum of our longtime and new members brings enthusiasm for the coming year.

Welcoming new members

Our first priority was New Member Orientations. We developed a 45-minute virtual program that included a welcome to new members, introduction and welcome by League President Amber Stenger, and a getting-to-know-you time for participants. The program included a PowerPoint presentation featuring:

- LWVJoCo history
- Need-to-know information and League basics
- Our commitment to nonpartisanship and DEI
- An overview of committees and volunteer opportunities
- A breakdown of dues and sponsored memberships
- Advocacy
- Annual events
- Resources
- Q&A

We closed with a virtual game, "screen prizes" and thanks. Three additional slides would be added during the year, as Membership grew in scope and purpose: Advocacy, DEI and Sponsored Memberships.

We conducted six new member orientations during this fiscal year.

Staying connected

A top priority throughout the year was discovering ways to best hold social gatherings while keeping COVID protocols. We met virtually with League leadership and the membership team, sharing ideas and brainstorming ways to offer social opportunities. Out of these discussions, Special Events became an indispensable part of the membership team as a subcommittee, brilliantly spearheaded by Ellen Porter.

With COVID numbers leveling off in June, an in-person social event was cautiously planned for August 26. While interest was high, the event was canceled due to continued concern for public safety after the surge in Delta cases.

We then considered options for an outdoor event and a Cider Social was held on Oct. 27. Despite the wind and rain, about 60 people attended, excited to meet in person, sipping hot cider around a firepit. The event was a huge success with some conversation overheard about the Cider Social becoming an annual event.

A winter initiative to reach out to League members was the Holiday Postcard Project. Since we were unable to connect in person, we developed a postcard with a message that valued our members and looked forward to what we can accomplish together in the new year. People whose memberships had lapsed during COVID were included in the mailing, and the membership team gathered to write brief personal messages on those cards. Return address labels included the lvvjoco.org website as a nudge to check out our League's wide span of important issues and engaging activities.

Expanding our scope

During the year, the scope of our work expanded to include four additional areas that we now incorporate in our Membership Committee meetings:

Advocacy—This is a call for active and public support of particular issues and policies that the League promotes.

Special Events Subcommittee—This group was charged with planning social gatherings to enhance friendships and strengthening the sense of community among Leaguers and future members. Ellen Porter bravely and successfully heads this effort.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion—A plan was developed and calls for a DEI-related topic to be discussed by team members through the DEI lens at the beginning of monthly meetings.

Sponsored Membership Program—Membership administers this program that grew out of the DEI initiative. It reaches out to interested persons, both students and non-students with limited resources, to become active members.

In August, we participated in a Zoom meeting with LWVK. Participants representing other state Leagues shared their experiences and lessons learned during the COVID shutdown. We are very appreciative of this opportunity to collaborate. Three takeaways for us were:

1. Reaching out and networking are key to growing membership and partnerships for the future.
2. Technology is a valuable, indispensable tool and will remain long after we return to in-person events. Hybrid events will become the norm.
3. For Leaguers, the pandemic continues, but the work doesn't stop. And so we continue to be creative and resourceful.

Observer Corps

Eileen Marshall

The Observer Corps consists of members who volunteer to observe public meetings of elected bodies and write a short report for our League newsletter. Our purpose is twofold:

1. To provide a visible and consistent presence in public meetings, reinforcing the message that the public watches and cares about the actions of elected bodies; and
2. To educate our members about relevant actions taken by elected bodies.

We currently have the following 23 observers signed up to monitor 14 governmental bodies:

County Boards

Johnson County Commission	Lenore Rowe, Kathleen Morrow, Joan Gilson, Jerry Gilson, Rebecca James
JOCO Commission on Aging	Marcia Manter
JOCO Library Board	Karen Wulfsuhle
JOCO Mental Health	Mary and Harry Bognich
JOCO Parks & Recreation	Cynthia Stephens
WaterOne	Annette Becker
JOCO 2021 Charter Commission	Alleen Van Bebber, Eileen Marshall

School Boards

Blue Valley	Elise Kammeyer
Olathe	Cindy Hicks
Shawnee Mission	Lisa Bonds

City Councils

Leawood	Alleen VanBebber, Mary Grimes, Lynn Hardy
Lenexa	Ellen Miller
Overland Park	Nancy Allen
Prairie Village	Nancy Maxwell, Eileen Marshall

We have **openings for JCCC Board of Trustees, Johnson County Parks & Rec, Board of County Commissioners (shared) and Unified Government of Wyandotte County, as well as any city council not listed above.** League leaders are always on the lookout for potential observers and have recruited several in 2021. You can view Observer Corps reports on our [website](#).

Speakers Bureau

Kathleen Morrow

During 2021, LWVJoCo Speakers Bureau (SB) activity continued to be limited due to COVID. Although LWVJoCo Speakers Bureau (SB) requests increased between Oct. 1, 2019 and March 24, 2020, the pandemic interrupted our progress. No SB presentations have been conducted since March 2020.

Four members of the team reviewed existing PowerPoint presentations and conducted research for development of new presentations.

Current available presentations include:

- League of Women Voters: What We Stand For & Positions We Champion
- Be An Informed and Active Voter
- Media Integrity in an Age of Fake News
- American Women and the Right to Vote

New presentations under development include:

- National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
- Medicaid Expansion in Kansas

Program promotion

Plans for 2022 are to promote the Speakers Bureau to new areas and audiences. We've updated the information on our [website](#) and created new promotion pieces. We plan to reach out to underrepresented voter populations and areas that have demonstrated low voter turnout in recent elections. Target sites for promotion will be identified in cooperation with LWVJoCo Voter Services program and through suggestions from general membership.

Great Decisions

[Rebecca James, Group Leader](#)

Great Decisions Discussion Groups meet across the nation to discuss international affairs. In 2021, we had eight topics, each with an article and a video with links to supporting resources provided by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Each group constructs its own format; ours has a leader and volunteer participant facilitators for each topic. [Our LWVJoCo group](#) had 15 to 18 well-read, smart and engaged participants for our biweekly, 90-minute discussions on Zoom, despite the vagaries of that platform. Pre-pandemic, we met for a monthly lunch at locally owned ethnic restaurants in the metro. We recreated that on Zoom without the food, pivoting to catching up on where we all were in our current varied and altered journeys with health measures, testing and vaccines. We did manage to get together once in a park during that short-lived period when it felt safe to do so.

To make up for the pandemic-induced missed sessions from 2020, we met from November 2020 through May 2021. The makeup 2020 discussions covered:

- Modern slavery and human trafficking
- The US and the Northern Triangle
- China in Latin America
- The US & the Philippines
- AI (artificial intelligence)

The 2021 topics were:

- Global supply chains (just in time to experience the effects in every area of our lives)
- The Persian Gulf
- Brexit
- The Arctic
- China in Africa

- The Korean Peninsula
- The global pandemic
- International organization
- The future of globalization

No report would be complete without relaying our gratitude to Nan Wilson for many years of apt leadership of LWVJoCo's Great Decisions Discussion Group. She left me big shoes to fill, and I am working hard to do so with the help of the entire group whose keen preparation for, and spirited engagement in, our discussions make my work as leader both challenging and fulfilling.

Hospitality

Gloria and Gerald Hiller

The Hospitality Committee has nothing to report for 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions on in-person meetings. There were no in-person meetings in 2021. We did work on updating our list of members who are interested in bringing food to our meetings when they resume. So, the Hospitality Committee member list in ClubExpress is correct as of the fall of 2021. We are looking forward to future meetings where we can gather. We continue to store the many large containers of hospitality supplies.

People Powered Fair Maps

Connie Taylor, Redistricting Champion

The People Powered Fair Maps (PPFM) Committee kicked off shortly after our Feb. 6 virtual event, "[Gerrymandering and Fair Representation: What Kansans Need to Know](#)," with 17 League members leading our effort to fight for fair maps in the Kansas redistricting process. We quickly went to work developing a flowchart of the redistricting process and published it on LWVJoCo's [website](#). The flowchart has been used on the Kansas Fair Maps Coalition's [website](#) as well.

Below are specific actions and accomplishments of the PPFM Committee:

- Developed and updated LWVJoCo's redistricting [web page](#) with general information about redistricting, actions members can take, letter-writing prompts, talking points, educational videos, census population information, town hall schedules, League redistricting events and other resources.
- Participated in Mainstream Coalition's Redistricting event, "[Redrawing Democracy](#)," on April 21, that 88 people attended virtually.
- Attended training sessions for Districtr, an online mapping software program, that allows communities to map their areas of interest.
- Showcased how to identify and map a person's community of interest using Districtr that could be used in written testimony on redistricting for 68 attendees during a workshop at the [Sept. 11 monthly League meeting](#).
- Partnered with the Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County to help 25 community members, who represented more than a dozen community organizations, identify their communities of

interest and prepare written and oral testimony. We met 15 times from July until December. Several members submitted written testimony and/or provided oral testimony at the August and November Redistricting Town Halls. The Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County received a mini grant from the CHARGE coalition, a consortium of nine nonprofit organizations dedicated to voting rights and redistricting in underrepresented communities. Our committee will continue to provide support and assistance to the Voter Rights Network.

- Supported the efforts of the LWV Kansas PPFM Working group for the PPFM Week of Action, April 26-30, especially during the April 29 event of “[Kansans Deserve Fair Maps](#),” attended by 54 people. In addition, the Working Group produced [three, two-minute videos](#) on fair maps, as well as developed the graphics for the Map Drawing Contest. The local PPFM committee will support the Working Group with League-sponsored statewide maps as well as providing comments to any proposed legislative maps.
- Analyzed the August Town Hall Redistricting testimony, noting areas of concern. Thirty-two LWVJoCo members provided testimony and/or attended the Third Congressional District sessions in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. LWVK PPFM Working Group contacted all conferees for a Pump Up Your Power testimony/community profile workshop.
- Wrote six letters about redistricting that were published in the *The Kansas City Star* from May through December. The estimated number of subscribers/users for both print and digital editions is 274,551 per letter to the editor.
- Interviewed on KSHB regarding redistricting for the 10 p.m. newscast on Thursday, Aug. 12. The interview was promoted on LWVJoCo’s social media channels. The estimated number of viewers is 1,137,290.
- Featured in a *Shawnee Mission Post* article on the August Redistricting Town Halls on Aug. 13. *Shawnee Mission Post*’s estimated number of digital users is 169,549.
- Interviewed on KKFI Radio Active Magazine on Dec. 7 regarding redistricting/gerrymandering. KKFI’s estimated reach is 95,000 people.

Johnson County Home Rule Charter Commission

Eileen Marshall and Alleen VanBebber, Observers

In 2021, Johnson County began its once-a-decade review of the Home Rule Charter, which defines the structure, powers and functions of county government. The Charter Commission is charged with reviewing the current charter to determine whether any changes or updates need to be made. Our observers, Alleen VanBebber and Eileen Marshall, have been watching the meetings to be sure our League is on top of any developments. In particular, the League is in favor of nonpartisan county elections, and this was a potential area of discussion.

The Charter Commission consists of 25 members of the community, who are appointed by a variety of entities: Kansas Legislature, local political parties, chambers of commerce, county commissioners, the Council of Mayors and the Johnson County Planning Commission. It is important to note that the Charter Commission is NOT the same as the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and there is no overlap in members.

The process of amending the Home Rule Charter is as follows:

1. A Charter Commission member must articulate a proposed amendment in writing and defend it at a regular meeting of the Commission.
2. After a first reading of the proposed amendment and discussion, a proposal must receive at least nine yes votes to proceed to a second reading and discussion at the next regular meeting of the Commission.
3. A final vote on the proposed amendment is taken at the following regular meeting and requires 13 yes votes to pass and be submitted to the BOCC.
4. After review for statutory sufficiency, the BOCC is required to put all submitted amendments to the voters at the next general election.

As of this writing (January 2022), the Charter Commission is nearing its deadline, and all proposals have been voted on. Following is a summarized list of the main proposals, all of which have been DEFEATED or WITHDRAWN.

- Form a standing committee to advise the BOCC on public health matters.
- Make pay increases for the BOCC to align with pay increases for other county employees.
- Add oversight by the BOCC on hiring done by the county manager.
- Make all county elections partisan.
- Make the sheriff's election nonpartisan.
- Change certain positions that are currently appointed by the county manager to elected positions (appraiser, register of deeds, treasurer, clerk).
- Remove the power of the BOCC to appoint someone to a BOCC vacancy until the next general election, and require a special election instead.
- Increase the political power of the unincorporated areas.
- Change the cycle of electing the chair of the BOCC so that it is not on the ballot in the same year as other members.

The Charter Commission will file its final report to the BOCC no later than March 1, 2022.

For more information and to follow the 2021 Charter Commission's work, check out the LWVJoCo's [Observer Corps Reports](#) and the Charter Commission [website](#).

Narrative Description of Budget Spreadsheets FY 2022-2023

Columns

- B. Actual Income and Expense (Apr. 2020-Mar. 2021) 12-month year.
- C. Actual Income and Expense (Apr. 2021-Oct. 2021) Current Year to Date.
- D. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR APR. 2022 THROUGH MAR. 2023

Income Page 1

- 2. Dues: Estimated 300 Primary members at \$70 and 35 additional Household members at \$35.
- 11. Grants: We have received notice of an \$800 grant for Youth Voter Registration from the LWV National Education Fund.
- 19. Planned use of Cash Reserves: This year the board approved \$4,200 of our cash reserves to buy new sound and video equipment. \$1,500 is the estimated remainder of equipment not yet purchased and included in this year's budget.

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- 3. National Convention: We plan to send seven delegates to the convention in Denver in 2022. Expense reimbursement is budgeted at \$500 per delegate.
- 16. LWV Financial Support consists of the National and State portions of our dues. Each Primary membership includes \$32 National and \$20 State Dues. Each additional Household membership includes \$20 National and \$10 State dues.

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- 45. Video recording expense of \$1,500 is for additional sound and video equipment approved by the board.
- 51. Registration Expense includes the \$800 grant received for Youth Voter Registration.

Proposed Budget

LWVJoCo 2022-2023

Proposed Operating Fund Budget

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		12 Months 2020-2021	7 Months 2021-2022	12 Months 2022-2023 Proposed Budget
	A	B Actual Apr 20-Mar 21	C Actual to Date Apr 21-Oct 21	D Apr 22-Mar 23
1	Income			
2	Dues	\$20,735	\$15,285	\$22,225
3	Primary (\$70)	\$19,415	\$14,375	\$21,000
4	Additional (\$35)	\$1,295	\$910	\$1,225
5	Student	\$25	0	0
6	Fundraising	\$5,975	\$4,930	\$8,200
7	Contribution Member	\$5,120	\$4,860	\$7,000
8	Donations	0	0	\$1,000
9	Merchandise Sales	\$855	\$70	\$200
10	Unclassified Fundraising Income	0	0	0
11	Grants	\$3,622	0	\$800
12	Other Income	\$2,730	\$1,125	\$200
13	Events	0	\$100	0
14	Fees	0	0	0
15	Name Tags	\$220	0	\$200
16	Unclassified Other Income	\$2,510	\$1,025	0
17	New Operating Income	\$33,062	\$21,340	\$31,425
18	Transfers in	\$12	0	0
19	Plan Use of Cash Reserves	0	0	\$1,500
	Total Income	\$33,074	\$21,340	\$32,925

Jerry Gilson, Treasurer

LWVJoCo 2022-2023
Proposed Operating Fund Budget
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Dec. 29, 2021

		12 Months 2020-2021 Actual	7 Months 2021-2022 Actual to Date	12 Months 2022- 2023 Proposed Budget
	A	B	C	D
1	Expense	Apr 20-Mar 21	Apr 21-Oct 21	Apr 22 to Mar 23
2	Delegates & Travel	\$200	0	\$3,500
3	National Meetings	\$200	0	\$3,500
4	State Meetings	0	0	0
5	Events	\$806	\$500	\$2,000
6	Annual Meeting (Parliamentarian)	\$575	0	\$600
7	Holiday Party	\$231	0	\$500
8	Preview Party	0	0	\$100
9	Picnic	0	\$500	\$500
10	Unclassified Events Expense	0	0	\$300
11	Fundraising	\$89	0	\$245
12	Merchandise Cost	0	0	\$200
13	Sales Tax	\$89	0	\$45
14	Unclassified Fundraising Expense	0	0	0
15	Grant Expense	0	0	0
16	LWV Financial Support	\$13,775	\$14,500	\$14,690
17	National PMP (\$32 primary, \$16 additional)	\$8,816	\$9,872	\$9,040
18	State (\$20 primary, \$10 additional)	\$4,959	\$4,628	\$5,650
19	Meetings and Education	\$822	\$1,122	\$4,800
20	Committees	0	0	\$200
21	Equipment & Supply	\$315	0	\$200
22	General Meeting Venue (Rent)	\$221	\$700	\$700
23	Other Meeting Venue (Zoom)	\$236	\$422	\$800
24	Printing	0	0	\$200
25	Refreshments & Hospitality	\$50	0	0
26	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)	0	0	\$2,700

Jerry Gilson, Treasurer

		12 Months 2020-2021	7 Months 2021-2022	12 Months 2022-2023 Proposed Budget
		Actual	Actual to Date	
	A	B	C	D
	Expense	Apr 20-Mar 21	Apr 21-Oct 21	Apr 22-Mar 23
27	Operating and Administration	\$2,292	\$754	\$1,390
28	Board Meeting Venue	0	0	0
29	Equipment and Supplies	\$17	0	\$100
30	Fees (PayPal)	\$166	\$98	\$150
31	Financial Compilation and Fees	\$140	\$140	\$140
32	Insurance	\$390	\$325	\$325
33	Membership Name Tags	\$237	\$45	\$100
34	PO Box Fee	\$118	\$146	\$175
35	President & Board	\$260	0	\$200
36	501 C-3 Conversion	\$674	0	0
37	Unclassified Other Admin. Exp	\$290	0	\$200
38	Promotion & Visibility	\$400	\$150	\$500
39	Sponsorships	\$325	\$150	\$300
40	Unclassified Promotion	\$75	0	\$200
41	Technology & Communications	\$2,022	\$786	\$3,300
42	Annual Meeting Book	\$128	0	\$300
43	Membership Management (ClubExpress)	\$1,040	\$640	\$900
44	Printing & Postage	\$285	\$41	\$300
45	Video Recording	0	0	\$1,500
46	Website and Social Media	\$569	\$105	\$300
47	Unbudgeted Board Appr. Expense	\$1,000	\$1,500	0
48	Voter Services	\$5,405	\$350	\$2,500
49	Info/Forums, Coffees	0	\$150	\$700
50	Naturalization	\$303	0	\$300
51	Registration	\$5,102	\$200	\$1,500
52	Transfer Out	\$38	0	0
53	Total Expense	\$26,849	\$19,661	\$32,925

Jerry Gilson, Treasurer

LWVJoCo Account Balances 2020-2021

Operating Accounts	12/31/20	12/31/2021
Checking	\$22,639.93	\$24,836.47
Certificate of Deposit	\$8,855.19	\$8,897.87
Total	\$31,495.12	\$33,734.34

Souls to the Polls	\$2,747.55	\$2,972.55
LWVUS Education Fund (Restricted)	\$2,588.01	\$3,038.01
Total Assets	\$36,830.68	\$39,744.90

Thank you to the 2021-2022 Budget Committee: Chair Lisa Kuhnke, Jan Brunks, Mary Estrada and Jerry Gilson, treasurer.

Local Positions

Positions are member-approved statements of public policy, created after intensive member research and discussion. They serve as the foundation for League advocacy at local, state and national levels. LWVJoCo currently has [47 positions](#).

Our positions fall into three major areas:

Government

Natural Resources

Social Policy

Typical sections of each position include background, statement of position, date approved and/or updated and footnotes. They are essential sources when planning programs and advocating for or against proposed or existing public policies

The LWVUS positions are found [here](#).

Proposed Local Program for 2022-2023

Recommended study: None

Non-recommended study: None

2022-2023 Nominations for Officers and Directors

President



Janet Milkovich

Janet comes from the world of nonprofit management where she had the opportunity to advocate for students who learn differently. She also spent years as a volunteer followed by a senior staff position with a Chicago nonprofit that serves the needs of families and adults who are impoverished and disenfranchised. She's a strong believer in women helping women rise through the ranks of their chosen professions and seldom meets a stranger. Janet served as LWVJoCo's vice president from 2021-2022. She lives in Overland Park with her husband and has two adult sons.

Co-Vice Presidents



Connie Taylor

Connie has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and worked in public relations and logistics for the Department of Defense. She has volunteered for nonprofit organizations for more than 20 years in California, Nebraska and Kansas.

She is passionate about voting and voter education. She joined the League in 2019 and served on the Communications Committee. She then jumped into advocacy as the People Powered Fair Maps Champion to lead LWVJoCo's fight for fair maps in the redistricting process in Kansas, testifying at redistricting town halls and serving as LWVJoCo's redistricting expert in several public forums. She lives in Olathe with her husband, Jeff, and their 13-year-old Pembroke Welsh corgi.



Andrea Vieux

Andrea is an associate professor of political science at Johnson County Community College. She has a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Kansas and a master's of nonprofit management from the University of Central Florida. She is interested in engaging students in civic affairs and encouraging them to become active in their communities. Her research is focused on American politics and public policy, particularly political behavior, state and local politics, and youth in the political system. Andrea was previously a board member for the Kaw Valley Kickball League in Lawrence and acts as mentor for a local high school's "We the People" competition team. She tends to spend her free time with family and friends (and her two cats).

Treasurer



Diane O. Pickett, CPA, CEBS

Diane graduated from the University of Alabama-Birmingham in 1989 where she was a scholarship member of the women's golf team and an Academic All-American. After a brief stint as the women's golf coach at UAB, Diane began her accounting career with a Big 4 accounting firm in Birmingham and transferred to that firm's office in Kansas City in 1998. In 2001, she partnered with Chris Chaney and Jeff McMullen to form the accounting firm Pickett, Chaney & McMullen LLP (PCM). Diane has earned the designation of Certified Employee Benefits Specialist from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Diane joined the League in March 2021 to become more involved in protecting voting rights for all. She lives in

Stilwell with her husband and they have two adult children. Her hobbies include quilting, knitting, decorating, bridge and other card games, reading, watching sports and walking.

Communications



Heidi Matthews

Heidi is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in secondary social studies education. Over the past 30 years, she has worked in public education, sales and corporate training. Currently, she is a corporate training manager. The League of Women Voters' devotion to education, community engagement and equality drew her to membership two years ago. She has served on the Communications Committee and currently manages LWVJoCo's Twitter and Instagram channels. She also participates in LWVJoCo's Great Decisions Discussion Group. Prior to volunteering with the League, she served on the board of the Association for Talent Development KC and was honored with its Excellence in Practice Award in 2021. Heidi lives in Overland Park with her husband and has two adult daughters.

Membership Co-Chairs



Cherish Cho (2 years)

Cherish currently works as a real estate agent. She graduated from Ottawa University with a degree in human services. She also has many years of event planning experience. Cherish joined the League to find a place where she can become educated about our political system. She believes that as a young Asian American female, it is important to help make decisions that promote change. She wanted to join an organization that was not for one party or another and instead focused on education. She joined the Membership Committee because she thinks first impressions are important and wanted to make sure new members felt welcomed and included. Cherish lives in Shawnee with her husband and two well-loved dogs.

**Victoria Smith (1 year)**

Victoria graduated from Kansas State University with an undergraduate degree in personal financial planning and a master's degree from Baker University in conflict management and dispute resolution. For the past 10 years, she has worked at a property management and investment firm and volunteer mediator for the Johnson County District Court. The past year, she has served on the board as co-chair of the Membership Committee. She is also a board director for BOMA KC, which is an organization for property managers and vendors in the Kansas City Area.

Voter Registration Co-Chairs**Claire Reagan**

Claire grew up in Bellevue, Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with degrees in English as well as secondary education. She taught 11th grade AP and on-level English Language Arts at Blue Valley Northwest for six years, coaching the dance team for five of those years. She then spent eight years teaching the 11th/12th grade combined AP English class at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. This is her first year away from the classroom. While Claire has always been a consistent voter, the combination of being the parent of a child with different needs, the 2016 election and the aftermath of the Parkland tragedy ignited her interest in active civic involvement. She joined LWVJoCo in February 2019 after having attended numerous Legislative

Coffees and meeting some terrific members during the 2018 election cycle. Claire values the League's commitment to nonpartisan, well-researched positions on important issues as well as the group's commitment to registering new voters. Claire and her husband Scott (an administrator at Rockhurst High School) live in Olathe with their 7-year-old son, 5-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son.

**Ann Schuster**

Ann joined LWVJoCo in 2019 after being inspired by the 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration at Johnson County Community College. Since then, she has served on the Voter Registration Committee with an emphasis on encouraging young people of voting age (at the high school and college levels) to register. She has also enjoyed participating in the Souls to the Polls voting drives. Ann is a native of Illinois, a graduate of Northern Illinois University and holds a master's degree from the University of Nebraska Omaha. Before her retirement, Ann taught at the elementary school level in the

primary grades and spent the last 30 years of her career as an elementary school librarian, teaching in Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and Kansas. She is a past president of the Kansas Association of School Librarians and was elected to the board of directors of the American Association of School Librarians.

Nominating Committee



Robyn Hart

Robyn joined LWVJoCo to learn more information about our democracy and government. She has enjoyed participating in voter registration activities and is currently co-chair of Voter Registration. When her term ends in April 2022, she plans to remain on the voter registration team and looks forward to the time when we can schedule more events.



Mary Lou Jaramillo

Mary Lou moved to Johnson County in 2015 and shortly after joined the League eager to get involved in community affairs and engage with others in voter education. She was appointed to the board in 2019 to co-chair the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiative along with Elizabeth Ann Sanders, Ph.D. Mary Lou is the current chair of the Nominating Committee and seeks to serve another year.



Kathleen Morrow

Kathleen has lived in Johnson County since 1992—30 years. She was a member of the Women's Political Caucus in KCMO for several years and when she moved to Kansas, she joined LWVJoCo because it appeared to be welcoming, active, energetic and on top of legislative and political issues in Kansas. LWVJoCo offers excellent Saturday morning programs and other educational opportunities. LWVJoCo's focus on voter registration and providing nonpartisan information about the electoral process, candidates and issues is a great strength. Since joining LWVJoCo,

Kathleen has served as vice president, leads the Speakers Bureau and is an active member of the Communications Committee.

Thank you to the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee: Chair Mary Lou Jaramillo, Leslie Mark, Kathryn Hockley, Robyn Hart and Eileen Manza.

Directions to the New Board

This item, which is on the agenda for all annual meetings, is an opportunity for members to make suggestions to the Board for the coming year. Directions may cover many things, such as any of the following or suggestions of your own.

Action: What should our action emphasis be?

Study: What direction should local or state items emphasize?

Voter Service: What kind of information might help citizens? Should we sponsor particular issues or candidate forums?

League: How can our management be more effective? How can LWVJoCo better serve its membership?

Other issues: Special projects? If so, purposes and goals?

Appendix A: Financial Review Report



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ANNUAL FINANCIAL COMPILATION

September 7, 2021

Mr. Jerry Gilson, Treasurer
League of Women Voters of Johnson County
P.O. Box 13491
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Dear Mr. Gilson,

We have compiled the accompanying statements of financial position – modified cash basis of League of Women Voters of Johnson County, as of March 31, 2021, the related statement of financial activities – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related statement of cash flows - modified cash basis for the year then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the organization's financial position, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Gregg Gehrig, MPA

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League of Women's Voters of Johnson County, KS
Statement of Financial Position
Fiscal Year 2021
With Comparison to Fiscal Year 2020 (Ending March 31, 2020)

(Cash Basis)

	3/31/20 Balance	3/31/21 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank Accounts		
2020 Account	500.00	-
LWVUS Ed Fund	1,361.27	2,588.01
LWVJoCo Operating	15,565.86	21,791.13
Souls to the Polls	-	2,747.55
Total Cash	17,427.13	27,126.69
Investments		
Operating CD 1 yr	8,759.86	8,873.36
Total Investments	8,759.86	8,873.36
TOTAL Cash and Investments	26,186.99	36,000.05
TOTAL ASSETS	26,186.99	36,000.05
 LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00
 NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	24,825.72	33,412.04
Restricted - Education Fund	1,361.27	2,588.01
Total Net Assets	26,186.99	36,000.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	26,186.99	36,000.05

League of Women's Voters of Johnson County, KS
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Fiscal Year 2021 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)
With Comparison to Fiscal Year 2020 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

	FY 2020	FY 2021
REVENUES, GAINS AND PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Contributions - Education Fund	\$ 860.00	\$ 1,226.74
Contributions - 2020 Account	6,240.00	-
Contributions - Souls to the Polls	-	1,460.25
Dues	19,580.00	20,735.00
Fund Raising	4,867.00	6,770.00
Grant Income	200.00	5,103.39
Event Income - 2020 Centennial Celebration	12,583.80	-
Other Income	1,622.79	2,729.95
Interest Operating CD	121.51	113.50
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$ 46,075.10	38,138.83
EXPENSES		
Delegates and Travel		
National Meetings	2,100.00	200.00
Events	1,418.14	806.40
2020 Centennial Celebration Expense	20,476.41	-
LWV Financial Support	11,943.25	13,775.00
501(c)3 Conversion Expense	-	674.00
Committees	21.04	-
Room Use, Tables	1,079.59	341.96
Program, Portfolio Studies	-	1,000.00
Refreshments, Hospitality	274.30	50.00
Equipment, Supplies	254.25	331.41
Financial Review	100.00	100.00
Insurance	325.00	390.00
Membership	183.44	237.23
Miscellaneous	125.62	-
Bank Service and PayPal Fees & Other Admin Expense	554.90	459.98
P O Box Rent	-	118.00
President and Board	276.42	260.09
State Corporation Fee	60.00	40.00
Promotional	1,386.47	89.25
Publications	217.89	400.00
Technology, Communications	2,305.77	2,136.56
Voter Service	1,230.63	6,915.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,333.12	28,325.77
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	1,741.98	9,813.06
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	24,445.01	26,186.99
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 26,186.99	\$ 36,000.05

League of Women's Voters of Johnson County, KS
Statement of Cash Flows
Fiscal Year 2021 (April 4, 2020 to March 31, 2021)
With Comparison to Fiscal Year 2020 (Ending March 31, 2020)

	FY 2020	FY 2021
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,741.98	9,813.06
Transfer from LWVUS Ed Fund	(369.00)	-
Transfer to Operating Acc.	369.00	-
	-	-
Transfer from Operating CD 1 Yr	-	-
Transfer to Operating Acc.	-	-
	-	-
Transfer to (from) Operating Account	6,898.54	(26.18)
Transfer to (from) 2020 Account	(6,898.54)	-
Transfer to (from) Souls to the Polls	-	26.18
	-	-
Total Transfers during the Year	-	-
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,741.98	9,813.06
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	24,445.01	26,186.99
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	26,186.99	36,000.05

League of Women's Voters of Johnson County, KS
Comparative Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Fiscal Years 2015 to 2021

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
REVENUES, GAINS AND PUBLIC SUPPORT							
Contributions - Education Fund	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 1,226.74
Contributions - 2020 Account / Souls to the Polls	-	-	-	100.00	1,350.00	6,240.00	1,460.25
Dues	8,597.50	10,230.00	13,130.00	13,630.00	17,120.00	19,580.00	20,735.00
Fund Raising	4,284.25	5,700.01	5,097.00	6,545.00	7,426.00	4,867.00	6,770.00
Grant Income	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	5,103.39
Event Income - 2020 Centennial Celebration	-	-	-	-	-	12,583.80	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	1,622.79	2,729.95
Interest 2020 CD	179.57	184.67	186.62	200.66	89.57	-	-
Interest Operating CD	46.65	50.78	50.91	66.54	131.49	121.51	113.50
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS & PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$ 16,037.97	\$ 17,750.46	\$ 19,014.53	\$ 21,167.20	\$ 26,832.06	\$ 46,075.10	\$ 38,138.83
EXPENSES							
Delegates and Travel							
National Meetings	\$ -	\$ 4,634.72	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 200.00
State Meetings	40.00	150.00	-	-	-	-	-
Events	1,477.81	2,054.68	1,859.10	1,949.46	2,482.72	1,418.14	806.40
2020 Centennial Celebration Expense	-	-	-	-	12,130.86	20,476.41	-
LWV Financial Support	6,154.50	6,930.75	8,168.75	9,897.50	10,347.50	11,943.25	13,775.00
Church Facilities	500.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	-	-
Committees	35.00	-	-	222.97	-	21.04	-
Equipment, Supplies	28.23	582.24	155.92	600.04	-	254.25	331.41
Room Use, Tables	125.00	701.85	335.00	422.24	125.00	1,079.59	341.96
Program, Portfolio Studies	234.90	565.18	294.75	691.66	770.35	-	1,000.00
Refreshments, Hospitality	113.07	139.89	107.90	91.33	154.48	274.30	50.00
Financial Review	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Insurance	-	-	-	325.00	325.00	325.00	390.00
Membership	119.98	55.71	179.04	40.78	84.39	183.44	237.23
Miscellaneous	16.95	7.01	355.67	84.03	155.60	125.62	674.00
PayPal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	554.90	459.98
P O Box Rent	80.00	86.00	90.00	96.00	106.00	-	118.00
President and Board	211.24	77.10	112.51	113.82	239.10	276.42	260.09
State Corporation Fee	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	40.00
Promotional	501.64	350.00	313.85	246.60	43.65	1,386.47	89.25
Publications	1,181.46	1,709.65	1,920.07	2,251.23	2,380.79	217.89	400.00
Technology & Communications	-	-	-	-	-	2,305.77	2,136.56
Unbudgeted Bd Approved	661.88	1,100.00	-	-	-	-	-
Voter Service	453.50	2,033.41	6,350.92	2,235.99	1,456.81	1,230.63	6,915.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,075.16	\$ 21,918.19	\$ 20,883.48	\$ 23,908.65	\$ 31,442.25	\$ 44,333.12	\$ 28,325.77
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$ 3,962.81	\$ 4,167.73	\$ (1,868.95)	\$ (2,741.45)	\$ (4,610.19)	\$ 1,741.98	\$ 9,813.06
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 33,870.52	\$ 37,833.33	\$ 33,665.60	\$ 31,796.65	\$ 29,055.20	\$ 24,445.01	\$ 26,186.99
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 37,833.33	\$ 33,665.60	\$ 31,796.65	\$ 29,055.20	\$ 24,445.01	\$ 26,186.99	\$ 36,000.05

Appendix B: Strategic Plan and Priorities

An organization's strategic plan is based on the organization's purpose and aspirations—how it seeks to make a difference in its community. LWVJoCo's last long-range plan ended in 2020. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board was not able to start this process until 2021. The board hopes to finalize the new strategic plan at its Feb. 8, 2022 meeting or soon after.

Appendix C: Past Presidents

Presidents, League of Women Voters of Johnson County 1977-2020

1977-1979 Dorothy Novotny
1979-1981 Kaye Cleaver
1981-1983 Linda R. Johnson
1983-1985 Carol Sader
1985-1987 Judy Haas
1987-1989 Marilyn Gaar
1989-1991 Kaye Cleaver
1991-1992 Ann Hebbberger
1992-1993 Vickie Stangl
1993-1994 Nan Wilson
1994-1995 Donna Lauffer
1995-1996 Elaine Mann
1996-1997 Mardie Kirkwood
1997-1998 Audrey Romasco
1998-1999 Debbie Ingold
1999-2000 Nancy Jefferis
2000-2002 Dolores Furtado/Janis McMillen
2002-2003 Elaine Mann
2003-2004 Myrna Stringer/Diane Kuhn
2004-2005 Diane Kuhn
2005-2006 Pat Lanser
2006-2007 Ann Sanders
2007-2008 Royceann Mather
2008-2009 Barbara Stillman
2009-2010 Candy Birch/Gwynne Lee
2010-2011 Harriett Anderson
2011-2012 Harriet Duff
2012-2013 Paula Schwach
2013-2014 Roberta Eveslage
2014-2015 Diane Kuhn/Ann Norbury
2015-2016 Ann Norbury/Susan Horst
2016-2017 Candy Birch/Ann Sanders/Anita Kaiser/Eileen Manza
2017-2018 Donna Lauffer/Sandra Sanchez
2018-2019 Ellen Miller
2019-2020 Ellen Miller
2020-2021 Ellen Miller, Amber Stenger
2021-2022 Amber Stenger

In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened by the loss of these League members this past year. They each made a difference in so many lives through their advocacy and service to the community. We are lucky to have spent time with these wonderful people. They will be remembered.

Theresa Baldi Hyde

Beth Markley

Myrna Louise Stringer

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