



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
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## CALENDAR

### September 2007

**4 Tuesday Topics** -- Lunch 11:30 am, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Telisa Haggerty, C.A.N.

MENU: Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich with Fruit Cup, Carrot Cake and Beverages

**11 Lowman Hill School Voter Registration**, 1101 SW Garfield, 9:00 am

**11 LWVT/SC BOARD MEETING** -- Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Upstairs meeting room, all members welcome 11:30 - 1:00

**20 Voice Meeting**—Sun's Restaurant, 2121 SW Belle Av., 5:30, Immigration Study (Bring information from this VOTER)

**25 Lowman Hill School Primary Election**, 1101 SW Garfield 9:00

**29 State League Day**—Capitol Building, Room 313-S, 8:30 am, Registration \$20

### October 2007

**2 Tuesday Topics** -- Lunch 11:30 am, **YWCA—NOTE THE CHANGE OF PLACE!**

Sandy Sloop, School Counselor USD 501

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Beverages

**9 LWVT/SC BOARD MEETING** -- Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Room 200, all members welcome 11:00 - 1:00

**18 Voice Meeting**—Sun's Restaurant, 2121 SW Belle Av., 6:00, Local Mental Health Study Consensus

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**Georgia Sandlin**  
**President LWVT/SC**

One of the topics at the LWVUS Council was the power of brands. A strong brand identifies an organization with its mission. The League needs to be visible in the community with a mission that is recognized. In the 1960s there were about 300,000 non-profit organizations competing for support. Today there are about 1.6 million. The LWVUS has done research on the image the League has nationwide. They found the League has a strong reputation and is seen as doing good work but people couldn't explain why they had this impression. This puts us in the same category in many people's minds as many other nonprofit organizations. The LWVUS is urging us to define ourselves to others with our own distinct mission. Our uniqueness will attract visibility, members and monetary support. League leaders support this theory with the re-

search provided by "Standard Social Innovation Review" by Adrian Sargeant and John B. Ford. I am presenting this as food for thought.

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## **ATTENTION MEMBERS!!**

**Each year the Board provides every member with a Yearbook. The Yearbook includes the listing of the board of directors, the membership directory, and the statement of positions. These booklets were distributed at the annual meeting. If you have not received yours, pick one up at a Tuesday Topics meeting.**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

We plan on at least 25 people at luncheon. We have a contract and guarantee that we will have at least 25 people at the luncheon. We must pay for a minimum of 25 meals. The cost is only \$8.25 per meal. Please plan to join us for good meals and great conversation.

Did you miss Tuesday Topics in August? The speakers on immigration have been extremely interesting and informative. Plan to attend the next meeting on September 4.

See you then!!

## **Voter Registration**

Anita Epps

Voter Registration Chair

Twenty-five people were registered to vote at the Back to School Fair held at the ExpoCenter on August 11, 2007. Three hundred rulers with pictures of all the USA presidents and flags used were given to the children. The children and their parents enthusiastically accepted those gifts.

## BOARD BRIEFS

August 2007

It was learned at the August board meeting that:

- The September Tuesday Topics will be at the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library and Telisa Haggerty will be the speaker, discussing immigrant workers.
- Lowman Hill Registration will be September 11.
- The September 20 Voice Meeting will be held at Sun's and immigration will be the study topic.
- The Finance Drive letter will be mailed September 24.
- The Lowman Hill primary will be held September 25.
- State League Day will be September 29 at 8:30 in the Old Supreme Court, room 313S of the Capitol.
- Twenty-five new voters were registered at the School Fair and 300 presidents' rulers were given out that day.
- Lois Scibetta will chair a committee to explore the use of videos and/or webcasts as part of our member participation in order to attract younger members.

### ***Article for the September/October Voter from the Immigration committee. 7-2007***

The League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County is participating in a 2-year immigration study with other Leagues across the U.S. to develop a position statement on Immigration. The committee, chaired by Lois Scibetta and Mary Kopp, includes Georgia Sandlin, Gwen Elliott, Pat Stinson, Teresa Stambaugh, Nancy Sargent, Bill Gannaway and Becky Holmquist.

The committee has been meeting since May, working to understand the issues and convey that research to the rest of

the League. There are great resources available to you on the LWVUS website at:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=LWVUSImmigrationStudy>

These resources include the eight background articles that are **summarized** here. The full text of each is available on the website. The articles explore some of the major areas of interest in the immigration debate. A basic understanding of these is required before making any conclusions about determining or changing policy on immigration in the U.S.

### **Overview: Federal Immigration Policy and Proposed Reforms – Lois Scibetta**

The federal government controls immigration policies, as it has since the late 1800's. That policy determines (1) who may immigrate to the U.S., (2) how or if they may become citizens, and (3) many aspects of their lives once here. 39% of legal immigrants today are immediate relatives of U.S. citizens (this category is not subject to quota limitations), 22% come for employer needs and employment-based preferences, 19% for other family-sponsored preferences and 13% are refugees or those seeking asylum.

Numeric quotas indicate the importance placed on family unification, employment and diversity; they are implemented with the goal of limiting disruption that would occur with uncontrolled immigration. Although there has been a very visible increase in immigration over the last several

decades, the percentage of immigrants today (in terms of current population) is no greater than it was in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Some of the issues that will most likely be addressed in U.S. immigration policy include:

- ❖ Covert border crossings
- ❖ Naturalization and rights of naturalized citizens
- ❖ Rights of U.S. citizens by virtue of birth (anyone born in U.S.)
- ❖ Status for children born in U.S. to unauthorized immigrants
- ❖ Effect of policies like Patriot Act
- ❖ National language (official language)
- ❖ Pathway to citizenship
- ❖ Amnesty for illegal immigrants
- ❖ Quotas
- ❖ State and local legislation and enforcement

### **What Motivates Immigration to America? - Pat Stinson**

The primary answer to this question is survival. Immigrants need money for food and shelter which they cannot find in their country. Next, thousands come each year hunting their parents or spouses who have come to the United States and they feel they cannot live without them. These motives are extremely strong and the immigrants will go through much to achieve their goal.

### **Family Reunification – Georgia Sandlin**

The Immigration Act of 1965 eliminated the national origin quota system and since then between 50 and 70 percent of U.S. immigrant visas distributed annually have been allotted to close family members of U.S. citizens and

legal permanent residents. Spouses and minor children and parents of adult U.S. citizens are granted visas without regard to numerical quotas but the backlog in the application process for visas for other qualifying family members was estimated to be 3,535,430 in 1997 (the last year for reliable figures). Faced with family separations that range from 5 to 20 or more years immigrants may initially try several legal avenues but, with all the frustrations and delays, inevitably the “pull” of family reunification results in unauthorized immigration.

### **Economic Aspects of Authorized and Unauthorized Immigration – Becky Holmquist**

Cost and benefits from immigrants may vary locally, but over the past decade, immigrants filled more than half of all new jobs across the U.S. and, on average, the additional tax burden per native household is no more than a couple of hundred dollars a year. The burden can be larger when the proportion of immigrants to the total population is high as in California where the mid-1990s tax burden was \$1,178 per native-born household.

Costs and benefits are not evenly allocated. Taxes paid to the federal government and added productivity of the macro economy make immigration a net benefit to the country as a whole. But, at the local level, communities face demands for costly services from immigrants, particularly in education and health care, that are not offset by tax income.

### **Immigration and the Economy – Teresa Stambaugh**

The flow of immigration is tied to the strength or weakness of the American economy. A shortfall of unskilled labor is estimated to run to hundreds of

thousands of workers a year and is apparent in many sectors of the economy such as construction and the restaurant sectors. A realistic immigration system is one in which the annual legal intake is more or less equal to the flow generated by supply and demand. The United States currently issues 5,000 visas a year to unskilled workers, when 400,000-500,000 additional such workers are needed to keep the economy growing.

### **Immigrants: Diversity and Inclusion – Gwen Elliott**

For all of us, the diversity of our backgrounds is part of who we are and what our country is. There are advantages and perceived disadvantages to having a diverse population. Immigration is generally permanent, and much immigrant assimilation is complete by the third generation.

### **Effects of Global Interdependence on Migration – Mary Kopp**

Globalization stimulates migration, and immigrants move to where there is work in the world. Remittances from the U.S. are a major source of income for millions, and change economies in countries. NAFTA, intended to help, has actually hurt the economy of Mexico and has increased unauthorized immigration in the process. Narrowing the income gap between Mexico, U.S. and Canada may be preferred to investing in a fence to solve the problems of unauthorized immigration. There is world-wide competition for highly educated and high-skilled workers.

Illegal migration is a regional issue. Nearly 80% of unauthorized population in the U.S. comes from Latin America. The goal should be to shift economic integration into a healthier pattern, moving away from mutually reinforcing

dependencies on remittances and cheap labor to a system of regulated labor flows and economic interdependence...to mitigate the root causes of migration.

### **Enforcement Issues – Bill Gannaway**

During the past twenty years, the following federal immigration acts have been passed by congress:

1. The Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986) which focused on the employment of persons not authorized to work in the U.S.
  2. Immigration Act of 1990 was the beginning of legislation focused on illegal immigrant and enforcement issues.
  3. The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (1996) which increased the number of full-time active duty Border Patrol agents.
  4. The transfer of the Immigration and Naturalization Services to the Department of Homeland Security (2003).
  5. The Secure Fence Act (2006)
- All of this legislation has had limited success on illegal immigration. Barbara Margerum, LWV of Santa Barbara, CA says that “a serious overhaul of the system is needed.”

### **Immigration Study Material – Nancy Sargent**

“Crossing Over” by Rueben Martinez is a book chosen by League of Women Voters United States as a resource for our immigration study. It is likened to “Grapes of Wrath” and acclaimed by others from Mexico and the United States. The book is available at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL) and bookstores, including Amazon on the Internet.

Bring these articles to the September 20<sup>th</sup> VOICE meeting.

# **SHAWNEE COUNTY** **COMMISSION MEETINGS**

by Georgia Sandlin

## **June 18, 2007**

Two major issues were brought before the commission meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Nathan Bonaparte came to the commission meeting to request funding for a City/County American with Disabilities Act enforcement Coordinator. Apparently the position was not in the budget that Mr. Bonaparte presented to the City Council but was added by City Council members. Commissioner Miller insisted that since the City Council members added the position to the budget they should be before the Commission asking for the funding and he wouldn't consider voting for the funding at this time. Commissioner Ensley stated that he felt the position was needed and he was ready to support it. Mr. Bonaparte said he would report back to the City Council the criteria stated by Commissioner Miller.

The drama of Valencia Road continued in the commission meeting room. Public works director Tom Vlach reported that keeping Valencia Road in repair kept the county crews so busy they were not getting to other road work in the county. Mr. Vlach asked that the County have the job of identifying areas of need on Valencia Road and Kansas Sand would contract to have the work done. When Kansas Sand and the county disagree the decision of the county prevails. Residents along Valencia Road attended the meeting and expressed their displeasure with the proposal. They continue to be unhappy with the noise, dirt, and unsafe conditions brought on by the trucks of Kansas Sand.

## **June 21, 2007**

The County Commission took action on several requests, each involving less than \$500. The Sunflower Soccer Association's request for help with their plumbing was to be presented under unfinished business but the Association was not ready to appear before the commission again. Transfer of land from one fire district to another carried 3-0. A claim of \$395 for damage to a vehicle on county property was approved. The cremation of two unclaimed bodies was approved to the tune of \$250 each. The county will try to recover funding from a paycheck made to one of the men.

## **June 25, 2007**

The Commission dealt with a variety of issues on this Monday morning. They approved \$50,000 in funding for the Junior Justice Authority to complete the rest

of their year. They approved a request from USD 501 for early distribution of property tax to complete their fiscal year. They denied the claim of a person injured at the Shawnee County Jail. They voted to support efforts of the Safe Streets Coalition.

Most of the time was spent discussing the proposed new software system. The city and county technology departments have not agreed on a common system. The county employees on the committee appeared mystified by the choice of the city employees on the committee. Commissioner Miller suggested that perhaps the city had already decided so the evidence wasn't compelling for them.

This reporter predicts we will hear much more on this issue.

## **June 28, 2007**

There were a group of residents from Miller's Glen neighborhood (21<sup>st</sup> and Indian Hills Road). Although the residents from the area are requesting a four-way stop the Commissioners voted to approve a lower speed limit and additional signs at the intersection. Public works director, Tom Valet, reported that a four-way stop is not recommended according to official guidelines.

Apparently, Commissioner Miller has recommended a Needs Assessment for GIS (Geographic Information Systems) department. Three individuals from that department attended the meeting and one reported to the commissioners. He reported that the employees want an internal evaluation before they outsource a needs assessment. Employees appeared to feel the needs assessment was the first step to outsourcing their jobs. Nevertheless, the commissioners voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

## **July 2, 2007**

We saw an example of the on-going debate between lower taxes and quality of life issues at the July 2 meeting. Commissioners were deciding how much money to commit to the Lake Shawnee Baseball complex at this time. Alan Cobb, state director of Americans for Prosperity, stated that nearly one million dollars was too much for renovating a youth baseball field and named several other fields in the area that teams could use. Mr. Cobb disputes the claim that dollars spent on improvements to the community results in economic development. Also in the mix were representatives from Southwest Youth Association (Ken Berry) wanting county money for their complex. The commissioners voted unanimously to solicit requests for proposals to upgrade the Pony Express diamond at Lake Shawnee.

### **July 5, 2007**

Commissioners approved a public hearing set for August 1 at 5:30 in the County Commission Room. The hearing is required to receive comments about the 2008 county budget.

Several requests from the health agency were approved regarding contracts with personnel and services.

Chris Huffman from KDOT appeared before the Commission to ask the county to participate in a study to plan for future development of US 24 from K-4 highway to NW Huxman Road. The county would participate as a consultant and stakeholder. No funding would be required.

### **July 9, 2007**

The commissioners approved some maintenance projects at the Maner Conference Center and the Courthouse. Then Commissioner Miller had a complaint regarding the tiny spiders that have been pestering him in the meeting room. After the May floods in Shawnee County Commissioner Buhler proposed forming a task force to reevaluate the responses, communications and personnel in place for such emergencies. After some wrangling over who would serve on the task force the commissioners voted their approval. At the July 9 county commission meeting Commissioner Buhler presented the report and recommendations from the task force. According to the recommendations, a director will be chosen and individual and inter agency training will be included in the plan. Several staff had high praise for Commissioner Buhler's leadership on the task force.

### **July 19, 2007**

The commission waded through 18 items on the agenda in a routine manner before the issue was addressed that most of the people present came to testify to or to hear. A petition was circulated by residents of Clarhan Farms in favor of a resolution that would prohibit discharging firearms in the area. These residents claim the shooting is a safety hazard. One resident claimed a musket ball was lodged in his window. The KBI is charged with determining what kind of projectile the musket ball is. After testimony on both sides of the issue Commissioner Buhler moved that the resolution be adopted but the motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Miller moved that matter be delayed for 30 days (Aug. 20).

### **July 23, 2007**

County human resources director, Rich Davis, asked the commissioners to consider a request for pay increases to classified staff that was similar to the

increase approved for the employees in bargaining units. Before he voted Commissioner Miller wanted to see the list of employees and their salaries so the vote was postponed until July 30.

The commissioners approved a request to solicit letters of interest for management of the 2008 Topeka Tinman Triathlon. Commissioner Miller asked why the Triathlon included Topeka in its title when it was not held in Topeka. No one could answer that question.

Mike Malone of Interis, Inc. reported to the commissioners regarding the establishment of a regional intelligent transportation systems architecture. Apparently, state, local, city, and county governments have been working on the technical and conceptual framework for how all relevant agencies could work together to assemble timely traffic, road and weather information and provide it to the public.

### **August 6, 2007**

Shawnee County Commissioners voted 3-0 to create 6 new county jobs in various agencies. The most noteworthy is the new director of emergency management, Topeka firefighter David Sternbenz. Only Commissioner Ensley and Buhler voted to increase the park police by one. A contract for 2007 and 2008 with the sheriff's deputies was also approved.

The commissioners also voted to offer the city \$1 million as an incentive to approve a proposed merger of the city and county information technology systems.

### **August 13, 2007**

The dispute between property owners and the people developing the Landon Trail will go to a judge. The statute is not clear so the county commissioners want some clarification to guide them in the administration of the trail. A motion also carried that required the developers of the trail to report to the county commission every quarter.

Other contracts and purchases were approved.

Commissioner Buhler dissented on two items. One was the county's request to the city to vacate the alleyway behind the Courthouse so the county could maintain it. The other was the request to hire back an employee at the same salary level he left.

When Mr. Bonaparte and Mr. Biswell came to the podium the drama increased. While Commissioner Miller reviewed the planning of the merger over the past year there were disagreements as to who said what when. Those disagreements appear mute except that they may indicate an unwillingness of the city to negotiate in good faith. There is an agreement that the staffs of the city and county devise a plan so that the technology departments can be combined. There is no agreement as to who will control the system.

## **Notes on the Topeka City Council Proceedings from 5-23-07 to 7-31-07**

by Joe Sargent

During the months of June and July, the Council and the City administration considered three major issues. The first and foremost issue was the City's 2008 budget. The other two issues making headlines were the possible purchase of a second Robinson R-44 helicopter at an estimated cost of \$753,000 spread over five years, and the choice by City staff to purchase software for an enterprise resource planning system from Lawson Software.

On June 5th, City Manager Bonaparte presented two budgets for 2008 as requested by Deputy Mayor Blackburn. In addition, Blackburn heads the Council's budget committee. One budget was to keep the City's property tax mill levy at its present level. Bonaparte said that approximately 85% of the City's budget went to pay about 1,400 employees. Labor contracts approved by the City Council in recent months have caused the City to be in this present situation. With a zero mill budget, there needed to be a cut in funding of 68 million dollars, and this was to be accomplished by a decrease of 62 City positions, with 31 coming from the Police Department and 23 from the Fire Department. Financing current programs for 2008 (the second budget) necessitated a 7.66 mill increase in property taxes provided property valuations increased by 2% (raising the property tax on a \$100,000 home by slightly over \$88).

City Manager Bonaparte presented his own budget on July 3rd. This budget called for the elimination of 1.13 million

dollars that would be given to agencies involved with arts and social services. This would be a reversal of the City's long-standing practice of supporting these activities. He also increased the property tax mill levy by 3.91 mills (raising the property tax on a \$100,000 home by \$44.85). However, this budget proved to be unsatisfactory for two Council members (Blackburn and Haynes) who are committed to no increase in the mill levy.

On July 24th, in order to meet a mandatory public hearing set for August 7th, the Council passed a resolution that the 2008 budget will increase property tax by no more than 3.4 mills. The Council now cannot pass a budget exceeding the 3.4 mills; final passage of the City's budget must occur by August 31st by State law.

It is important to note that Bonaparte's budget did not include 31 million dollars to improve the City's street infrastructure over the next 10 years and 6 million dollars for the City's share of restoration work on the Kansas River levee.

On July 3rd, Mayor Buntin vetoed the possible purchase of a second Robinson R-44 helicopter because of its cost and his concerns regarding the tight budget. The purchase of the helicopter (valued at between \$700,000 to \$800,000) would be spread over a five-year period. The Council originally approved its purchase by an eight-to-one margin on June 20th. The Council failed to override the Mayor's veto on July 24th. However, the purchase of the second helicopter is still under consideration as the budget negotiations continue.

The controversy regarding the purchase of software for an enterprise resource planning system (ERPS) has heated up within recent weeks. For a number of months, the City and County have entertained the possibility of merging their information technological functions. A year ago, the Council voted eight to one to provide 2.5 million dollars to install and implement an ERPS. After finishing the bidding process, the City and County chose different systems. The City plans to purchase an ERPS from Lawson Software while the County prefers the ERPS from SunGard. The County received a bid from SunGard for 1.1 million dollars and a competing bid from Lawson Software 2.13 million dollars. The County has more computer programmers than the City and wants to customize the system to fit its needs. The City wishes to avoid customizing on its own and so would need to spend \$180,000 for SunGard to customize its system. County Commissioner Vic Miller has accused the City of allowing Lawson

Software to adjust its bid so that it was lower than Sun Gard's bid. Lawson Software's bid was 2.859 million dollars while SunGard's bid was 3.053 million dollars. Allegedly, one way that SunGard was forced to inflate its bid was the result of the City wanting 200 concurrent licenses instead of SunGard's proposed 70. In a letter to the County Commissioners, Bonaparte stated that the County could "piggyback" onto the Lawson System for \$600,000 to \$800,000.

The City and County administrations have taken to the airways to defend their positions. The Topeka Capital-Journal has entered the fray with an editorial and a threatened open-records lawsuit. The County Commissioners

voted on July 30th to sign a contract with SunGard.

There were no Council meetings on May 29th and July 31st since both were the fifth Tuesday of the month.

### **Agenda for State League Day September 29, 2007**

8:30 am Gather in Capitol Building, Room 313-S, Old Supreme Court Room for registration, coffee, and pastries  
9:00 am Opening Remarks  
9:15 am Guest Speaker  
10:15 am Break  
10:30 am Panel Discussion  
12:00 noon Lunch  
1:00 PM Small Group Discussions  
2:00 PM Adjourn

The cost of \$20 includes coffee, juice, and pastries in the morning and the noon lunch. Please make checks payable to the League of Women Voters of Kansas and mail to League of Women Voters of Kansas, 618 S. Kansas Ave., Suite B1, Topeka, KS 66603.

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**AUGUST**

7 Tuesday Topics – Gary Brunk,  
 Immigration, YWCA  
 11 Back to School Fair  
 14 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 14 Membership Social – Farley’s  
 3130 Shadow Lane 4:30-6:30  
 17 VOTER deadline

**SEPTEMBER**

4 Tuesday Topics - Telisa  
 Haggerty, Immigration  
 TSCPL  
 11 Lowman Hill School Voter  
 Registration 9 am  
 11 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 20 Voice Meeting – 5:30, Sun’s  
 Restaurant, Immigration  
 Study  
 24 Mail letter for Finance Drive  
 25 Lowman Hill School Primary  
 Election – 9 am  
 29 State League Day – Capitol  
 Rm313-s, 8:30 am

**OCTOBER**

2 Lowman Hill School General  
 Election of Mayor 9 am  
 2 Tuesday Topics – Sandy Sloop  
 USD 501, Immigration,  
 YWCA  
 9 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 12 VOTER deadline  
 18 Voice Meeting – Local Mental  
 Health Study, Sun’s Restau-  
 rant, 6:00

**NOVEMBER**

6 Tuesday Topics – Marsha  
 Nielson, Exec. Dir. KS  
 Health Policy Assoc. TSCPL  
 13 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 15 Governmental Issues Dinner

**DECEMBER**

4 Tuesday Topics – Pat Stinson  
 First Ladies II, TSCPL  
 11 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 14 VOTER deadline

**JANUARY**

1 NO TUESDAY TOPICS  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 8 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 17 Voice Meeting – Immigration  
 Study Consensus

**FEBRUARY**

5 Tuesday Topics  
 12 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 15 VOTER deadline  
 21 Voice Meeting - Program  
 Planning

**MARCH**

4 Tuesday Topics  
 6 League Day at the Capitol  
 11 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 15 Voice Meeting

**APRIL**

1 Tuesday Topics  
 5 Annual Meeting  
 8 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 11 VOTER deadline  
 26 LWVK State Council in  
 Topeka

**MAY**

6 Tuesday Topics  
 13 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 15 Voice Meeting

**JUNE**

3 Tuesday Topics  
 7 Garage Sale  
 10 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL  
 13 VOTER deadline

**JULY**

1 Tuesday Topics  
 8 Board of Director’s Meeting  
 11:30 TSCPL

(Aug. 2007)

I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters. I enclose:

\$53 for a 1 year Individual Membership.

\$75 for 1 year Household Membership.

\$85 for 1 year Sustaining Membership.

\$25 for a 1 year Student (age 18) Membership.

I am unable to join the League at this time, but enclosed is a tax-deductible  
in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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