

## **Kansas Legislative Session is in Full Swing**

The legislature is in full swing and almost half over. Contact your legislators today! They will appreciate hearing from you. Very few people will reach out, so now is a great time to influence their decisions as the voting continues.

If you don't have time to watch the State House but would like an overview of the weekly happenings, try out the videos that Davis Hammett puts out from Loud Light. They are very informative. You can [sign up to receive Loud Light legislative videos delivered to your email](#).

## **High School Voter Education is Back**

Our team has begun the spring semester presentations for high school seniors. So far we've presented at Highland Park, Topeka High, Hayden High, and Heritage Christian School. We'll complete Topeka West and Washburn Rural in the coming weeks. Most of the schools have their government classes in the fall. It's great to get back into the classrooms.

## **Field-trip February**

Voter Services had three field trips in February. A handful went to KU Law Re-entry Into Society Symposium on the KU campus for a day of learning about the many hurdles people re-entering society face after incarceration. Our team enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour at the Shawnee County Election office. We learned about all the processes used to administer our elections. Several were able to attend the LWVK Day at the Capitol. We have had a very busy month!

## **Naturalization Ceremonies Upcoming in Topeka**

The United States District Court in Kansas plans to have several naturalization ceremonies this year in Topeka and is happy to have us at the ceremonies. Stay tuned for these opportunities on [POINT](#).

## **We are Local this Year**

For those of you who participate on our team in Voter to Voter, your dashboard is showing who voted in November. Take a few minutes to [login](#) to your account and see which of your voters cast a ballot in the last election. Personal, one-on-one connections with your family, friends and neighbors is the very best way to improve the odds that they will participate in voting. People who vote actually have better health outcomes. Read all about it [here](#).

Speaking of Voter to Voter, did you know we had a team there? Our 13 ambassadors did an amazing job in November—a record breaking **88%** voter turnout! [Join our Voter to Voter team here](#). It's free, it's easy and fun—all at the same time. This year's elections are all local. Your friends will need your help finding reliable information. Barely 20% of registered voters will vote in local elections, so our votes will count even more this fall. Plus, the choices our local leaders make will impact our lives the most. If you would like some help getting started, call Susan Quinn. Join us, and we'll empower voters together!

## **New this Year: Li-lea-la**

Join the Voter Services team on the first Saturday of every month as we take time to connect with one another. We call it our "li-lea-la" time, short for "lively league lattes." Please come out and have some coffee with us from **9-10 am** on **Saturday, March 4**. We'll meet at **Café Quezta!, 2111 SW Belle Ave**. All are welcome.

Voter Services meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Topeka Shawnee County Library at 6 pm. Join us or contact [Susan Quinn](#) to get involved.