



League of Women Voters of Pulaski County

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January Newsletter

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DUES ARE DUE!!!

We must have all our 2019 memberships into the LWVUS by January 31st. The number of members determines the amount we pay to the National League of Women Voters, and more importantly, the number of delegates we can send to state and national conventions. Please use the [online renewal on the website](#), for credit cards or PayPal, or bring a check to the January 24th meeting. You can also mail your checks to the LWVPC at the address above. Individual memberships are \$50, household, \$70, and students \$25. You don't want to miss out on important events and updates.

Upcoming Events:

- [Arkansas Legislative Session](#) has started. The League hopes to pay attention! To watch online, click the above link and then click on the cameras under "Today's Meetings."
- Saturday Jan. 19th from 9am to 3 pm the League will be registering voters at [Rights After Wrongs](#). In honor of MLK Jr. holiday, this is a community effort to provide citizens who have been released from jail or prison with a variety of needed resources and assistance. Located at Arkansas Workforce Center, 5401 S. University Ave., Little Rock. To volunteer please contact Denise Ennett at ennettdenise@gmail.com
- Thursday Jan. 24th we will hold our monthly meeting at Fletcher Library, 823 N Buchanan St, Little Rock, AR 72205. Doors open at 5:30 pm and meetings start at 6 pm. This month Cathy Koehler will speak about Little Rock School District and other educational issues. Cathy is the President of the Arkansas Education Association. (*Note: Our meetings are usually every third Monday of the month, however this one has been changed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.)
- Saturday Jan. 19th at 1 pm [Rally for Reproductive Justice](#) at the Arkansas State Capitol.

- Monday Jan. 28th from 9 to noon [Legislative Briefing hosted by Faith Voices Arkansas](#). Registration at Ark. Ed. Association Bldg. (AEA) 1500 W 4th St. (next to the capitol). For more information email faithvoicesar@gmail.com.
- Wednesday Jan. 30th from 11:30 am-12 pm [Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families Press Conference: A Budget That Works for Everyday Arkansas](#) will be held at the Arkansas State Capitol Rotunda.
- Drinks and Dialogue: exact date to be announced but tentatively planning for March. Please contact Pat Landes at landes.pat@gmail.com to get involved!

Past Successes:

- Great 2019 kickoff party at Deborah Baldwin and Jim Metzger's beautiful home.
- Last year's mayoral forum series.
- Thanks to all who observed or registered voters in 2018!
- 2018 kicked off our new less formal program: Drinks and Dialogue.

Leadership Team:



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Education:

[The Little Rock school plan](#) has been approved. For more information please follow the link above. If you have questions ask our school board observer Norma Johnson.

Bills to Watch:

We are sure there will be many others as session progresses, but Rep. Charles Blake has submitted a shell bill (outline only, to be filled in later in the session) to improve voter registration and elections. This is a part of the legislature's responsibility to set the standards for voter photo ID, the newly passed constitutional amendment. LWV Washington County and LWV Arkansas are hoping to get laws passed that will allow online voter registration, among other voter modernization laws.

Observing Opportunities:

Please click links for calendar of each committee's meetings. I am also putting names of current League members who observe these meetings. If you have any interest in observing these meetings ladies would love your help! If there are any other committees/observation opportunities you would like to suggest to the League, please let us know and we will add it to the next newsletter.

[Little Rock Planning Commission](#)

Meets every other Thursday at 3:30 for agenda meeting and the commission public meeting meets same day at 4 at Little Rock City Hall in the City Board Room. The next meeting will be on February 14th. Contact Ruth Bell at 501.225.2538 or rfbell@aristotle.net.

[Little Rock Board of Directors:](#)

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm (so the next board meeting will be Jan 22). Agenda Board (to look at the items that will be discussed at the next board meeting) meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 4 pm (so the next agenda meeting will be Jan 29th). Both meet at Little Rock City Hall, 500 West Markham Street, Board of Directors Chambers, 2nd floor, Little Rock. Contact Kathleen Oleson at 501.664.2351.

[County Planning Board](#)

Meets last Wednesday of every month. Agenda discussion starts at 2:30 pm and actual meeting follows at 3pm. Held at Jeffery Hawkins Conference Room – Pulaski County Regional Center. 501 W. Markham Street, Little Rock. *Of note the next meeting is Jan. 23 this month (which is NOT the last Wednesday of the month). Contact Kathleen Oleson at 501.664.2351.

[Quorum Court](#)

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month for agenda and then the full court meets 4th Tuesday. Both meetings start at 6 pm at 201 S. Broadway 4th Floor Quorum Court Room. Contact Kathleen Oleson at 501.664.2351 or Ruth Bell at 501.225.2538 or rfbell@aristotle.net

[Central Arkansas Water Board](#)

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2 pm at the 221 East Capitol, Little Rock. Contact Kathleen Oleson at 501.664.2351 or Ruth Bell at 501.225.2538 or rfbell@aristotle.net

[Water Reclamation Commission](#)

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 pm in Little Rock Wastewater Offices, 11 Clearwater Drive. Currently no one is observing so we need someone to volunteer!!!!

Pulaski County Election Committee

Meets at Pulaski County Election Commission, 501 West Markham St., Suite A, Little Rock. Contact Mary Wildgen at mzwildgen@ualr.edu

Little Rock School District

Meet 5:30-6:30 at 810 Markham, Little Rock. Next meeting is Jan. 24. Then Feb.28, March 28, April 28th and then May 16th. Contact Norma Johnson at norma_johnson58@yahoo.com

[MetroPlan](#)

Executive Committee meets at 501 West Markham St., Suite B, Little Rock on the 3rd Thursday of every other month from 10 am-12 pm (next meeting is March. 21st). Board meets last Wednesday of every other month from 10 am to 12 pm (so next meeting is Feb 27). Contact Mindy Morrell at 501 951 7773 or mindymorrell@hotmail.com

[North Little Rock Planning Commission:](#)

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 4 pm at North Little Rock City Hall. Next meeting is Feb.12.

[North Little Rock City Council](#)

Meets every other Monday at 6 pm at City Council Chambers at City Hall. 300 Main Street, North Little Rock. Not certain if anyone is observing this meeting.

[North Little Rock School District:](#)

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7 pm at 2700 North Poplar St., North Little Rock Administration Board Room. Not certain if anyone is observing this meeting. Not certain if anyone is observing this meeting.

[All Boards and Commissions for North Little Rock Government](#) are broken down at this link.

League Links:

[League of Women Voters \(National\)](#)

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Newsletter Help:

If you would like to add anything to the February newsletter please contact Jogee Detchemendy at jogeduzzi@gmail.com.