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JUNE 15TH MEETING

Roger Lemmons

NARFE Chapter 378 will meet Wednesday, June 15, 2016, in the south room of Conroy's.

The program begins at noon, lunch entrée (choose from 3 entrées) and coffee or tea for \$10 is at 12:30, and a brief meeting follows the lunch. Please note that lunch is optional.

June's speaker is Patrick R. Miller, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Kansas. He specializes in American politics, including political psychology, public opinion, electoral behavior, political communication, and survey and experimental methods. He has been published in numerous peer-reviewed academic journals, and his current research interests focus on political identities, partisanship, political civility, and civic engagement. He did his undergraduate studies at the College of William & Mary and received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, also receiving a certification in survey research methodology there from the Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science. Patrick is the child of two U.S. military veterans, and his hometown is Virginia Beach, VA. He has experienced running state legislative campaigns in Virginia, but is no longer active in politics apart from researching it.

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KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S.

- * Clara Arnold for filling-in as treasurer and suggesting an increase in the memorials sent to families of deceased members (\$10 raised to \$15).
- * Robert & Lee Ann Duver who suggested May's speaker, Cille King of The Women's League of Voters. What an eye-opener presentation!
- * John & Linda Surrute for their continuing support of Alzheimer's.

ALZHEIMER'S JOHN SCOTT

May donations: \$62. Year to date: \$197.
May donations includes Linda and John Surrute's donation in memory of Bernice Spande.

CHAPTER 378 ALZHEIMER'S DONATION	
make check payable to: NARFE Alzheimer's Research	
Send to John Scott, Box 604, Eudora, KS 66025-0604	
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**Upcoming informative NARFE Webinar:
5 Year Countdown to retirement - June 30**

NARFE members can view previously recorded informative webinars on the NARFE website, narfe.org.

Winning the vote is only an opening wedge-to learn to use it is a bigger task

MAY 18TH MEETING RECAP

Cille King of the Lawrence Chapter of the Women's League of Voters, gave an interesting, informative, and eye opening presentation.

The Women's League of Voters (WLV) is 96 years old. The WLV was formed in 1920 by the same people who fought for women's right to vote. When those women suffragists realized the 19th amendment, ensuring women's right to vote, would pass, the group thought there needed to be an organization to help inform people about voting. The WLV's mission is *encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education*

and advocacy.

The League is non-partisan. They don't support or oppose any political candidate or party. However, we are political. The league studies issues, comes to a consensus, and adopts position. So, after 96 years, they have a lot of positions, covering topics under the broad headings of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy.

There are 3 levels: local, state, and national. When a person belongs to one, they belong to all three levels. About 1/3 of our local members are men. Kansas has 9 local leagues, and is approaching 900 members. Since we were called communists earlier this year [by state officials], Lawrence has gained or re-gained 27 new members. It has crossed their minds to make Kobach an honorary member.

We register citizens to vote. In 2014, we registered over 900 at over 50 events. In 2015, we registered over 600 citizens. We have registered at the Douglas County high schools and Naturalization ceremonies. We have registration tables planned for the library, farmers market, Burkers festival, July 4th celebration, and at many other locations leading up to the 2016 elections.

We have continued trying to help people finish their registration who are on the suspense list by calling, emailing, texting, and finally, the most successful – going to their homes.

We hold almost monthly Hot Topics. We've had presentations on Jails and Mental Health, review of the 2015 legislative session last year, and [will hold a review of the 2016 legislative session on June 16](#). We've covered agricultural issues in farming and sustainability, reproductive rights, same sex marriage, the pros and cons of tax abatements, an annual – afternoon with our state legislators, foster care in Kansas, and guns in public facilities in Lawrence. Most of these programs were video-taped and are available on our website: lawrenceleague.com.

Our local league helped the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association hold their board election (238 ballots cast). We award an annual Helen Fluker award to a local person who has been instrumental in open and accessible government. We award an annual Stucky Scholarship to a high school senior who has citizen understanding of government and promotes involvement in civic responsibility.

The League is one of the founders of the Voter Education Coalition and is gearing up for candidate forums. The League is also a cofounder of the Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition. The League has a decades standing Land Use Committee, that has over the years, been instrumental in Lawrence developing planning guidelines, subdivision regulations, planting flowers in town, and continues to write letters to the Planning Commission and City Commission.

As you might have heard, the state league joined the ACLU in a lawsuit against the Secretary's of State and Revenue, for not following the federal law in regards to the Motor Voter Law. There was a decision late yesterday (May that Kansas had violated federal law and that the 18,000 citizens who had registered to vote at the DMV, but were since purged from the list, had to be reinstated for federal elections. The Kansas Secretary of State is appealing the decision.

Cille King listed several actions by the Kansas Secretary of State that are disenfranchising voters. A registered voter, a woman, attempted to change her name online after marrying, but the state wanted more documentation. Proof of citizenship, a birth certificate, but when you submit on line, the proof of citizenship document is not forwarded to Secretary of State Office. Also, English and Spanish instructions differ for registration and the final date for submitting registration information was incorrect, causing those individuals to be ineligible to vote. There are lots of barriers for registering for voting. Registration via the DMV was supposed to be seamless. Prove of citizenship when applying for a driver's license at 16, would suffice for voter registration when they turned 18, but the DMV does not tell them they are not registered. Forty thousand will turn 18 this year and not be aware that they are NOT registered to vote. In addition, those individuals who have completed all registration except proof of citizenship are placed on a list. Then, after 90 days, their names are purged and they must begin the complete process all over again. At least 18,000 individuals purged from registration can vote in federal elections, BUT NOT FOR KANSAS ELECTIONS. Those individuals have not been informed of that fact. They will be able to vote in federal elections, but not in the state. The Topeka Capital Journal is going to publish the 18,000 purged names. The Journal also found that had the 18,000 not been purged, the elections' outcomes would have been different.

National studies show there is NO problem with voter fraud, and only 3 have been prosecuted in Kansas. They were 3 older, white males who voted in 2 states.

Comment from floor: Opening ballot boxes in Wichita in 2012 and again in 2014. Kobach is not allowing comment. You would think if there was voter fraud, Kobach would want to look at the ballot check for voter fraud.

Other states have stamped "CITIZEN" on driver licenses. Doing that would eliminate all other documentation. (Also might save money?)

The WLV awards 2 scholarships annually.
 {Thank you to Cille King for her presentation notes shown in italics in the above article.}

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Cost of membership:

*Approximate household income	Individual membership	Household Membership
under \$25,000	\$20	\$35
\$25,000-50,000	\$35	\$55
Over \$50,000	\$55	\$85
Sustaining member	\$100	\$150

*voluntary membership assessment

From Wikipedia:



Women's suffragists parade in New York City in 1917, carrying placards with signatures of more than a million women.

Women's suffrage in the United States, the legal right of women to vote in that country, was established over the course of several decades, first in various states and localities, sometimes on a limited basis, and then nationally in 1920.

The demand for women's suffrage began to gather strength in the 1840s, emerging from the broader movement for women's rights. In 1848, the

Seneca Falls Convention, the first women's rights convention, passed a resolution in favor of women's suffrage despite opposition from some of its organizers, who believed the idea was too extreme. By the time of the first National Women's Rights Convention in 1850, however, suffrage was becoming an increasingly important aspect of the movement's activities.

The first national suffrage organizations were established in 1869 when two competing organizations were formed, one led by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the other by Lucy Stone. After years of rivalry, they merged in 1890 as the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) with Anthony as its leading force.

Hoping the U.S. Supreme Court would rule that women had a constitutional right to vote, suffragists made several attempts to vote in the early 1870s and then filed lawsuits when they were turned away. Anthony actually succeeded in voting in 1872 but was arrested for that act and found guilty in a widely publicized trial that gave the movement fresh momentum. After the Supreme Court ruled against them in 1875, suffragists began the decades-long campaign for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would enfranchise women. Much of the movement's energy, however, went toward working for suffrage on a state-by-state basis.

In 1916 Alice Paul formed the National Woman's Party (NWP), a militant group focused on the passage of a national suffrage amendment. Over 200 NWP supporters, the Silent Sentinels, were arrested in 1917 while picketing the White House, some of whom went on hunger strike and endured forced feeding after being sent to prison. Under the leadership of Carrie Chapman Catt, the two-million-member NAWSA also made a national suffrage amendment its top priority. After a hard-fought series of votes in the U.S. Congress and in state legislatures, the Nineteenth Amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920. It states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Reports of KS Federation Convention & NARFE PAC Tom Huntzinger 5/18/2016

Convention Summary:

The Kansas Federation Convention was held April 24-26, 2016 in Salina. Approximately 90 delegates

and guests registered for the Convention. Delegates from the Lawrence Chapter were Tom Huntzinger, Roger Lemmons, Elaine Siemens, Bob and Mary Lowe. The agenda was traditional with seminars on legislative advocacy, NARFE PAC support, election of officers, Alzheimer's auctions, and banquet. All officers were retained from the previous years except the Treasurer. Mary Coder from the Atchison Chapter was elected Treasurer. The rules were changed to elect all Area VPs for two-year terms concurrent with the other Federation officers. Louis Bornman was re-elected as Area 1 VP for the next 2-year term. The proposed new organizational strategy for NARFE was discussed. NARFE membership is dwindling and major adjustments are necessary to sustain the organizations core mission of legislative advocacy. It has been proposed that organizational structure be exclusively focused on legislative interaction. Federations would step back to a legislative liaison role with Area VPs boundaries concurrent with legislative districts. The VP would be responsible for interactions with legislator and staff in that district under the direction of the state liaison officer. Chapters would support the Area advocacy providing the individual grass roots communication in concert with the Area VP. The 2017 Federation Convention will be held in late April in McPherson. The Federation will host the Convention with assistance from the McPherson Chapter. The Alzheimer's auctions raised approximately \$4500 for research. NARFE PAC raised about \$2500 to support selected legislators' campaigns. Adding the Convention funds to the other contributions brought the total contributions from Kansas to about \$20,000 overall. Campaign contributions allow NARFE staff access to these legislators' appointment calendars to discuss issues of interest.

NARFE-PAC Post Convention Report:

The Kansas Federation held its Convention in Salina April 24-26, 2016. NARFE PAC had a table and poster board and Tom Huntzinger, NARFE PAC Federation Officer, took contributions between sessions. The response to the call for contributions was significant. Contributions were made by 43 donors which was about half of the registered members. The average donation per person was about \$58 each for a total of \$2510. Donations included 7 sustainer contributors who committed to a sustained contribution of \$10/month that will be charged to their credit card.

Recorded contributions throughout the state coming

into the convention equaled \$17,600 up to April 1, 2016. After convention the total is \$20,110, which is a conservative total because there were likely contributions made outside the Convention during the time since April 1. Kansas has contributed an average of \$49.52 through April 1 and \$58 per contributor at the Convention. There were 356 contributors pre-Convention. Even with adding contributors at the Convention, there are still large numbers of potential-contributors. Contributions are substantially ahead of the previous election cycle and three quarters of the year still remains for contributions in the 2015-2016-election cycle. It is exciting to contemplate the potential for NARFE PAC and the influence NARFE could have in the coming months of 2016. It is important for members to maintain the momentum and continue contributing through the remainder of the year.

It is obvious NARFE membership is beginning to step up to the plate when you compare this election cycle to the last one. The renewed enthusiasm is appreciated. Thanks to all of you who contributed at the convention and to those contributing from your home Chapters.

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For NARFE, call (800) 627-3394
or visit the website narfe.org.

For OPM phone number is (888) 767-6738
Or online at opm.gov

Register for the NARFE National Convention

Online registration for the 34th Biennial NARFE National Convention is now open! The convention, hosted in partnership with the California and Nevada Federations, will be held in Reno, NV, August 28-September 1. NARFE members from across the country will meet to set the Association's legislative agenda for the next Congress, elect new officers and make major decisions that will determine the future course of NARFE. This year's theme is "Progress. Protect. Persevere."

You can register on the [convention website](#), accessible by clicking the convention banner on the NARFE [home page](#). The registration fee for all convention attendees is \$99, if paid before August 1. More info at the convention website. If you have any questions about registration, you can send them [here](#) or call 703-838-7760.