

LWVN VOTER 2-2015

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Hot Topic Lunch, Feb. 25, Interurban Susan Sharp, S-CAP Program

By Helen Duchon

You are invited to a Hot Topic Lunch on Wednesday, February 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Interurban Restaurant, 1150 Ed Noble Parkway.

Dr. Susan Sharp will discuss the Second Chance Advocacy Program, Inc. (S-CAP), a jail re-entry and diversion program for female offenders from the Cleveland County Detention Center. This nonprofit program helps women

leaving jail transform their lives by navigating barriers to re-entering society.

This successful program has contributed to a reduction in the recidivism rate of female offenders in Cleveland County and offers a model for similar efforts across the state.

Susan's research focuses on female crime and deviance, the incarceration of women, and the impact of

corrections policies on families of offenders. Her recent research has focused on theoretical explanations of female criminal behaviors from a life course perspective, exploring how multiple marginalities may steer women into criminal and/or deviant behaviors.

We hope you will be able to join us to hear about this important program in Cleveland County.

Life Member Libba Smith moving to Colorado Good friend and mentor

By Phoebe Schmitz

League member, Libba Smith, moved to Norman in 1959 with her husband, Tom, newly hired as an assistant professor at OU in the History of Science Department. She joined the league not long after moving here.

Libba was honored at a reception on February 15 for her service as director of Juvenile Services from 1982 to 1997. That agency was later named Center for Children and Families, Inc. Libba also was a member of the Norman Planning Commission in the early 1970s and served on the City Council from 1977 until 1982.

Mayor Cindy Rosenthal (a former president of the Norman LWV) presented a resolution certificate honoring Libba Smith for her Service to the City and Citizens of Norman. (It will officially be on the Feb. 24, 2015 City Council Agenda.)

Libba plans to move to Colorado in March to live near her son, Dan, and two of her six

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grandchildren. She will miss friends she's made over the last 55 years, but she will enjoy "being a grandmother". She also has a daughter, Margaret, in Missouri, and a son, Malcolm, in Massachusetts.

She believes very strongly in the need to educate children, take care of the mentally ill, and offer services for families. She doesn't believe the state government is doing a good job in any of those areas.

We wish our good friend and mentor all the very best as she continues on her journey. We wish we could fly her back to Norman for the annual "friendly audit" she has been helping with for a few years.

Libba Smith

Honored for her service as director of JSI, now CCFI, has been a member of the Norman League since 1959 and a strong leader in the community.



Barbara Robinson, past President of Norman League 2004 to 2008

By Phoebe Schmitz

Longtime League member Barbara Robinson passed away on January 14, 2015. She was born Dec. 8, 1928. Barbara joined the the League in 1974 and served for several years on the Norman League Steering Committee. She shared her leadership talents as President and Co-president and was responsible for our being able to meet at Memorial Presbyterian Church where she was a member. The church graciously allows us to continue meeting there.

Barbara's leadership helped us in many of the League's activities – especially with candidate forums, issue meetings and National



We appreciate Barbara Robinson's devotion to the Norman League. Her smile and friendship kept us going.

Helen Duchon

studies that required a consensus from local leagues.

Barbara also took leadership roles in Church Women United and various Presbyterian organizations and committees. She was recognized as "Person of the

Year" by the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena, California and served as president of the Interfaith Council in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Wherever she lived, Barbara inspired others to take an active role in community affairs.



Elisabeth MacNamara

As we march towards our 100th anniversary, the League will continue to fight voter discrimination and keep secret money out of our elections in order to ensure that our elections are fair, free and accessible. We'll also continue to push for improved access to health care as well as a sustainable planet for everyone.

95 Years of Making Democracy Work LWVUS

Elisabeth MacNamara, President League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Ninety-five years ago, Carrie Chapman Catt called for a League of Women Voters to "finish the fight" to ensure that every eligible voter has free and fair access to the polls as well as to empower voters to influence their government to better serve their interests. The League's first major victory came just six months later with the passage of the 19th Amendment, which secured women the right to vote. But that success was just the first of many.

Since then, the League has been critical in Making Democracy Work® across a range of issues.

How well do you know the League's impact on Americans' lives? [Test your knowledge and learn more about just some of the League's great accomplishments over the past 95 years!](#)

The League – powered by the efforts of civic volunteers and activists across the country – has made an impact on a range of key issues in the last 95 years. Not only have we undertaken sustained efforts to improve the voting process and protect the environment, but we also assisted in the creation of the United Nations and the protection of Americans' civil liberties.

Coming Events

Bring a friend

Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m., Hot Topic Lunch @ Interurban
Dr. Susan Sharp on S-CAP

April 7, Ward 5 Election for City Council
Lynne Miller v. Bobby Stacy

April 25, 11:30 a.m., Annual Meeting
Speaker: Jonathan Velie, immigration lawyer
Memorial Presbyterian Church



Libba Smith said she felt like she was at her own funeral; but this was better because she could enjoy it with us! — at reception Feb 15, 2015 at the new CCFI building. Mayor Cindy Rosenthal cracked up and honoree, Libba Smith “Liked” it!

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