

Past LWVJoCO

Making Democracy Work Award Winners:

May 2019 Awards

At the annual meeting on May 4, 2019, LWVJoCo presented two Making Democracy Work awards.

Lindsey Constance and Mike Kelly

The first award honored Mike Kelly, Roeland Park mayor and Lindsey Constance of Shawnee City Council for their leadership in addressing climate change at the local level. They initiated The Metro KC Climate Action Coalition, which includes elected officials from many area municipalities and 14 partner organizations, including LWVJoCo.

Rachel Serna and Lauren Langhofer

The second 'Making Democracy Work' award honored Rosehill Elementary School teachers Meghan Spalding, Lauren Langhofer and Rachel Serna for creating curriculum for third-grade students to foster civic engagement. Students learned how local government works. The students discussed what makes a good citizen and ways to make their community better.

2017

LWVJoCo honored **Tracy Fuller Forbush**, Citizenship Program Manager at Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. "Tracy's passion is educating and empowering refugees and emigrants to become fully engaged American citizens," said Gloria Hiller as she presented the award.



Candy Birch, LWVJoCo special director, Gloria Hiller, Tracy Fuller Forbush, and MDW committee members Jane O'Neil and Cathy Matlack

2016

LWVJoCo honored **Dave Helling**, Kansas City Star columnist, with the League's 2016 "Making Democracy Work" award. "Dave and League share the mutual belief that democracy works best when voters are informed," said Diane Kuhn in presenting the award. "He sets a high standard both on the job and off as he volunteers his services, not only to League but to other community organizations."



Dave Helling with LWVJoCo co-presidents
Ann Norbury and Susan Horst

The Johnson County League of Women Voters invites you to nominate an outstanding community leader for our "Making Democracy Work" award. The League celebrates leaders who have envisioned a way to improve our community and who have mobilized others to work collaboratively to affect positive change.

The "Making Democracy Work" Award will honor one such individual who has, in the League tradition, helped make our local governments strong, vibrant, fair and responsive to the needs of all members of our community.

Nominations are open to any individual who has been a vital part of the work force and who has contributed to our community in a meaningful way. A friend or colleague may put names forward, or nominees may apply themselves.

We believe that there is no greater tribute that we can make than to honor a leader who continues to demonstrate commitment, leadership and a passion for civic improvement.