



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

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## Calendar Of Events

**December 21 (Thursday):** Noon  
Lunch & Learn,  
US Bank Bldg 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, 13<sup>th</sup> & M.  
Guest: Leta Powell Drake, on "Red Hot  
& Righteous: The Salvation Army."  
(See article at right.)

**January 15, 2007 (Monday):** 5:45 pm  
LWVLL Board Meeting  
At the Apothecary, 140 N 8<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Second Floor conference room.  
*Note that the LWVLL Board will not  
meet in December.*

**January 21-March 11, 2007**  
**(Sundays, omits Feb. 4):** 7:00 pm  
Unitarian Church  
Winter Lecture Series:  
"Climate Change:  
Causes and Responses"  
(See information on page 2.)

## **Lunch & Learn**

The guest speaker for the LWVLL Lunch & Learn series is well known Lincoln personality Leta Powell Drake. Leta spent 46 years in broadcasting with Channels 10/11, from portraying Kalamity Kate on the Cartoon Corral to hosting and producing the popular Morning Show. More recently she worked for the Nebraska Public Television network, and she now serves as the Director of Development and Community Relations for the Salvation Army. Leta's topic for the luncheon will speak on "Red Hot & Righteous: The Salvation Army." She plans to address the origins of the Salvation Army, from its start soon after the Depression and the World War II era through the present date. She will ask historical questions and promises small gifts for those in the know. The discussion should be historical, entertaining, and an appropriate opening for the holiday season, so bring a friend!



Luncheon begins promptly at noon, Thursday, December 21, at the Nebraska Club on the 20th floor of the US Bank Building, 13th and M Streets. Members, their guests and the public are welcome. Space is limited, so please RSVP to the League office, 475-1411, no later than Monday, December 18. The luncheon cost is \$8.00, this includes tax and gratuity. Rides will be provided if requested.

## **Membership Cards Discontinued**

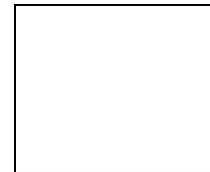
Most members of our chapter recall that in the past when dues to the League were renewed, a membership card was sent to individuals renewing their affiliation. The card served as proof of your membership in our chapter and as a gentle reminder of the next dues period. This year, no membership cards were printed or sent to members. With so many associations, businesses and other organizations asking you to "keep their card," the League leadership decided to discontinue the cards to cut costs and room in your pocketbook!

We are asking for feedback from members about whether having a membership card from the League is important. If you have strong feelings, one way or another, please contact current Membership Chair Jennifer Brinkman at 325-0309 or [brinkman\\_mj@alltel.net](mailto:brinkman_mj@alltel.net). If members demand the reinstatement of membership cards, we will need to make arrangements to have them ready when dues are collected next spring. Thank you for your assistance.

## **Spring Candidate Debates**

Plans are being made for candidate debates in this spring's Lincoln City elections. Current hope is to schedule primary debates for mayoral and/or city council district races in which three or more candidates run, and general election debates for contested mayoral and council races. (Other offices such as school board and airport authority may be considered for debates; those decisions have not yet been made.) If you would like to help, or if you have questions to suggest, please contact Sharon Nemeth at [wayova@msn.com](mailto:wayova@msn.com) or 489-3571.

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## **Climate Change: Causes and Responses**

### 2007 Winter Lecture Series - Unitarian Church

The 2007 Winter Lecture Series at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln, will begin Sunday, January 21, 2007 at 7:00 PM with the first 2-hour lecture session, and will run 7 “almost consecutive” Sundays, skipping the Super Bowl.) The Series will conclude on March 11, 2007 with a dinner.

**1/21: “The climate detective: Unraveling the evidence for global warming.”** Professor Kenneth F. Dewey is a Regional Climatologist in the School of Natural Resources, High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UN-L). He specializes in storms and weather features of the plains states, especially tornadoes, and teaches courses in climatology and meteorology at the graduate and undergraduate level.

**1/28: “Basic warming science and an introduction to the Brokaw film on climate change.”** The discussant, Professor Clinton M. Rowe is Associate Professor of Geosciences at UN-L. His research interests range from climate modeling and climate cycles and water distribution in the sandhills (and elsewhere) to climactic change evidence derived from ice core drilling in Greenland.

**2/4: Super Bowl. No WLS**

**2/11: “The ANDRILL project: Determining 20 million years of climate conditions.”** Assistant Research Professor Richard H. Levy is a faculty member in the Geosciences Department at UN-L, and he is a staff scientist on the ANDRILL project. The ANDRILL project is supported by a \$13 million National Science Foundation grant that features the drilling of rock (not ice) cores from below Antarctic ice shelves and sea-ice

to determine climatic conditions for periods of time during the past 20 million years.

**2/18: “Public policy and the impediments to concern and action.”** Professor Charles Harper is in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Creighton University. His interests, expertise, and several books range from food security to how human perspectives affect social and governmental responses to environmental concerns. His teaching spans courses from Religion and American Society to Environmental Sociology.

**2/25: “Christian environmental worldviews and the implications for climate change policy.”** Professor Janel M. Curry is Dean of Research and Scholarship, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her scholarship and a recent book have focused upon how faith and faith communities impact views of nature, the cosmos, and the environment.

**3/4: “Tackling climate change: The U.S. potential for renewable energy and energy efficiency to 2030.”** Dr. Charles F. Kutscher is an NREL (National Renewable Energy Lab) scientist in Golden, Colorado. He has been developing technology (e.g., solar collectors) relevant to renewable energy for decades. In recent addresses and in his WLS lecture he will focus on how policy changes could lead to world and national energy efficiency in the future. Chuck’s presentation will be co-sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Sorensen Lecture Foundation of the Unitarian Church.

**3/11: Dinner is planned to include a panel with a Nebraska focus on climate change.**