

## League of Women Voters of Manhattan/Riley County

### EDITH L. STUNKEL GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD

The League of Women Voters of Manhattan/Riley County is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Edith L. Stunkel Good Government Award. Please nominate a person you or your organization believes should be recognized for voluntary contributions to our community as described below. League members and non-League members alike may submit nominations.

#### **About the Award**

Established in 2001, this award honors the efforts of long-time League member and public servant Edith Stunkel to involve her fellow citizens in government. She labored tirelessly to create an atmosphere in our community where public input and public process are highly valued and citizen involvement is expected, principles that are integral to the League's mission and philosophy.

Founded by activists who secured voting rights for women, the League of Women Voters has always promoted the values and processes of representative government. Protecting and enhancing voting rights for all Americans, assuring opportunities for citizen participation, working for open, accountable, representative and responsive government at every level – all reflect the deeply held convictions of the League.

#### **Who is Eligible**

The nominee must be a current resident of Riley County over age 18 who has devoted considerable time and energy to successfully promoting better government and whose leadership has advanced human dignity or improved the quality of life for the community. The nominee should be an individual who has shown creativity, persistence, and overall leadership, which has expanded our understanding and awareness of the importance of good citizenship, good government and our sense of community.

The individual – whether an elected or appointed official or volunteer – typically is noted for writing, speaking, organizing support for government or advising on effective ways to deliver services to the public. This could be accomplished in a variety of ways such as attempting to increase citizen participation in government; educating the public about an issue; working towards more open government; or involvement in ways that represent principles leading to better decision-making.

*Current members of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated.*

#### **Sending a Nomination**

Please complete a nomination form and return it no later than May 10, 2007 as follows:

**By mail to:** Edith L. Stunkel Good Government Award  
League of Women Voters  
P.O. Box 835  
Manhattan, KS 66505

**By e-mail:** Request a digital form and return completed form to Karen Mayse at [lww.manhattanks@gmail.com](mailto:lww.manhattanks@gmail.com)

**By fax:** Please fax your completed form **ATTENTION: KAREN MAYSE** to 785-776-6190.

#### **Award Presentation**

The award recipient will be recognized at a reception 7:00 p.m. May 31, 2007 at the Manhattan Arts Center. Dale Goter, Government Relations Director for the City of Wichita will be guest speaker for the presentation. His topic will be good government in Kansas. A 32-year veteran of Kansas journalism, Goter worked previously in both in print and broadcast media, including 17 years as public affairs editor at KPTS-TV in Wichita. During his tenure at the public television station, he was executive producer and moderator for *Kansas Week*, *On the Record* and *Ask Your Legislator*, as well as numerous special programs and documentaries.

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**NOMINATION FORM**

*I would like to nominate the following person:*

<b>NOMINEE</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Title/Organization (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Work Phone:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

In the area provided below, please explain why you believe this nominee should be considered for the Edith L. Stunkel Good Government Award. Five hundred (500) word limit. Additional pages may be attached if more space is required to complete your nomination.

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<b>NOMINATOR</b>	
<b>Your Name:</b>	
<b>Title/Organization (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Work Phone:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

This form may be copied if you wish to make more than one nomination.  
Please send this form and any accompanying documents postmarked no later than May 10, 2007 to:

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League of Women Voters  
P.O. Box 835  
Manhattan, KS 66505

Or e-mail to: [karenluvsjazz@cox.net](mailto:karenluvsjazz@cox.net)

An acknowledgement of receipt of nominations will be sent either by mail or e-mail to the nominee and nominator. Only the Award recipient will be announced at the presentation ceremony on May 31 (details to be announced in the May Voter). Nominees and nominators are invited and encouraged, but not required to attend.