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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZES WORK OF SUFFRAGISTS AND LEAGUE

League members from Columbia, Kansas City, Moberly, Sedalia and St. Louis gathered in the Capitol Rotunda on July 8 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. LWVMO President Evelyn Maddox introduced Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, who commended the League for its tireless work in encouraging civic participation and education. "I just appreciate being part of this and appreciate what you stand for," Ashcroft said. He thanked the League for its nonpartisan approach to promoting civic engagement. Maddox said League members look forward to working with Ashcroft to ensure that elections are free, fair and accessible.

The proclamation concludes: *Whereas, the State of Missouri recognizes that the League of Women Voters of Missouri, which arose from the Missouri Woman Suffrage Association, has worked to educate and empower voters since its founding in October 1919, and Whereas, the citizens of Missouri appreciate the struggles of the Suffragists and others who fought for the right to vote by all citizens; Now, therefore, I, Michael L. Parson, Governor of the State of Missouri, do hereby recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment.*



Louise Wilkerson, Nancy Price, Catherine Stenger and Jean Dugan pose by a League plaque in the Capitol Rotunda (see Page 5).



Rep. Coleman with Angie Dunlap

CONVERSATIONS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE

The South County LWV unit invited League members and neighbors to visit with Representative Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R-97) on July 18 in the home of Angie Dunlap. The purpose of the event was to practice building relationships with our representatives so that we can better understand each other. For elected officials to better represent us, we need to have conversations about issues we care about with policymakers. Rep. Coleman spoke for several minutes about her struggles and wins as a first-term legislator in the MO General Assembly. She said Jefferson City officials often work cordially with each other across the aisle on common-ground legislation that they both want to make happen.

About 20 people attended and shared personal positions. Everyone practiced thoughtful listening and sharing. Several members agreed there was value in hearing from a woman legislator and said they felt heard in return. Dunlap says to make democracy work, we must learn to build relationships, and not just form pro or con teams. Attendees contributed to a potluck dinner with delicious desserts.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Mistakenly, we expected this summer to be relatively quiet, with planning taking place for 2020 petition issues and various events for the Centennial. It appears we were mistaken! The summer started off with a bang at the Webster Groves 4th of July parade. (p.3)

The first petitions for the 2020 elections that we support have also been released and signatures are being collected. St. Louis Approves has filed Prop D, an amendment to the St. Louis City Charter supporting nonpartisan approval voting, with a top-two runoff for primary elections. For more information, go to stlapproves.org. The City Unit is taking the lead on this petition-signature effort.

MO HealthNet is circulating an amendment to existing health care laws. It includes expanding Medicaid coverage to individuals ages 19-64 who qualify under the required federal poverty level. It also covers birth control and family planning for all MO residents 13 years of age and older (parental permission required if under 14). We support this. This amendment stipulates that Missouri will accept the full federal program of Medicaid Expansion. Also, no insurance company will be allowed to sell short-term limited-duration plans in Missouri, or utilize pre-existing conditions to prevent coverage or increase prices. If Missouri refuses to appropriate their share of Medicaid expansion costs, the all hospitals will be assessed a fee to pay for the expense. We support this amendment.

An additional petition drive will concern repealing SB126, the restriction of certain reproductive rights. It is still waiting for the Secretary of State to sign off on ballot language. The petition may be released too late for the required number of signatures to be collected. If that happens, the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and other groups will decide on a new strategy. We support reproductive rights for women. Over Labor Day, a new petition will be released by VOTE2020. Early (Advanced) Voting Rights, and several additional proposals concerning voting/election law will be included. We are part of this ongoing coalition. More news in September.

Our advocacy plate is filling up and there are other things to do in August. A Lunch & Learn about the emigrant situation in El Paso will be held at the SLCL Headquarters from 12:15-1:30 on August 15th. Bring a lunch and drink and we'll supply the cookies! (p.9) Then on August 24th, we will join the Missouri Women's Network for brunch as we celebrate the 99th anniversary of Suffrage.

Mark your calendar for our **Metro Kickoff on September 19th, 6:30-8:30**. The annual kick-off of our legislative year will feature finger food and conversation. Well-known voting advocate Denise Lieberman will be bringing us up to date on the latest election reform legislation. This is a free event, but please RSVP to the office so we have enough chairs and cookies! (p. 3)

Our centennial celebration continues September 14th & 15th at a League booth in Kirkwood Park for the Greentree Festival. We'll need volunteers to register voters at area libraries on September 28. Finally, planning continues for our Gala on November 13th at the Sheldon. Watch for more information.

Let the office know when you make your plans about which petitions you want to help with and which events you will attend. There is so much going on. Volunteer, attend, and bring a friend!

—Nancy J. Miller and Louise T. Wilkerson, Co-Presidents

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The League made a good showing in the Webster Groves parade on July 4 and won "Outstanding Civic Entry" from the city. Long-time members, new members, next-generation Leaguers, Girl Scouts and vintage car owners joined the League delegation and presented the League and our issues to the residents of Webster. They were met with applause, cheers and thanks for what we do – protect and promote democracy! Congrats to the Parade Team, led by Angie Dunlap.

FALL KICKOFF SET FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH

Just as a team gets ready to receive the kickoff and head into action, the League is poised to head into action to support issues we believe in. To prepare for the job ahead, we will gather at Clayton Center on Thursday, September 19th, at 6:30pm. This event will combine a social time for members and bits and bites, finger foods and dessert. After a very short meeting, our speaker, Denise Lieberman from the Voter Protection Coalition will bring us up-to-date on several of the issues we hope to be gathering signatures for: election reform, Medicaid expansion, and reproductive rights. We are looking forward to the update that Denise will bring us.

After the doors open at 6:30, the refreshments will be available. Denise will speak at 7:15, followed by a time for questions. This event is FREE. Please RSVP to the office to ensure we are prepared. JOIN US.

Voter Registration Training

Join the South County unit as we train to register voters. We will meet on **August 14 at 6:30** at the Meramec Valley Library Branch, 625 New Smizer Mill Rd, Fenton. All are welcome to learn how to help friends and neighbors register or update their registration.

We are getting ready for National Voter Registration Day in September! Contact the office if you can help on Library Day on September 28 or if you need more information.



A GRASSROOTS IDEA FOR HIGHWAY FUNDING

This proposal is the first step in the League's process of supporting issues and/or proposing changes to current laws. Next would come a search of our taxation positions to see if we have a national position to cover this. If we have a position, then there will be a full study of the applicable current tax/ fees laws in Missouri and surrounding states. Because this a state law issue, it will be overseen by the state LWV President, Evelyn Maddox of Kansas City. The local board must approve the study first to go forward.

What is your driving experience on Missouri highways? Missouri roads and highways are not smooth and comfortable to drive upon. It is one of the vexing issues of public policy: How can we afford the repair costs? In a recent election, the public did not want to increase the gasoline tax to support this. What causes the heaviest damage to MO roads? Engineers will tell you the tractor-trailers and other heavy load-bearing vehicles do. A rig pulling a large piece of machinery on its trailer, a loaded dump truck or an 18-wheeler pulling 40 tons of weight are the kinds of vehicles causing wear, not your neighbor with their F-150 or pickup truck.

These large trucks are needed in commerce to deliver the goods that society wants and needs, but they inflict the heaviest damage. Even when empty, the big rigs are heavy, and still cause excessive wear and tear. Heavy-weight vehicles pay fuel taxes, low ones like all of us. Still, they are not like us. Materials, replacement parts and equipment directly used on the repair, maintenance or manufacture of these vehicles are also exempt from tax. To be exempt, they must be classified as a common carrier and carry either property or passengers.



Let's have the big rigs pay their due! We have drafted a proposal for legislation that would put the obligation to fund repairs on these trucks. Its essence is this: trucks using Missouri highways and roads



would be assessed a fee for each day they are using Missouri roads. The fee would be calculated as the product of the number of axles with two or more wheels, the amount of weight on the road (tire and payload weights) in tons and the miles driven. A fee would be assessed of \$00.00015 per ton-mile or \$6.75 per operating day, whichever is the greater.

The truckers would report their accrued and owed fees to the Missouri Revenue. The state treasurer would create a special account that these fees would be credited to and restricted for use for highway and road repairs.

We recognize that it would be a herculean task to get this idea codified into law.

—Gene and Nancy Hutchins, Environmental Quality Committee



ENVIRONMENTAL TIP FOR THE MONTH

Reduce the number of sticky notes used. They lower the grade of paper for recycling. Use scratch paper and paper clips instead.

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT ACTION

Our League's NPV committee is gearing up to get the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPV) introduced in the Missouri legislature. The compact will enable the US to elect a president who wins the most votes nationwide. Now, we have a state-based system where the candidate who loses the election in each state has his/her vote added to the votes of the winner of that state's election. Winner takes all), virtually nullifying the losers' votes. The winner in the state get all that state's electoral votes.

The League believes this is unfair and undemocratic and that the president should be elected based on the candidate who gets the most individual votes nationwide, where every vote is equal. The compact will do that once it receives a majority of the electoral votes nationwide.

Four more states have voted to support it—Oregon, Delaware, New Mexico and Colorado. Nevada passed the bill but the governor vetoed it. Maine almost passed it.

Interest is spreading around the country. Once the compact receives 270 votes, the president will be elected by direct popular vote nationally. At present there are 196 electoral votes toward the goal. We hope we can add Missouri's ten electoral votes to it.



—Sydell Shayer, Chair, LWVMSTL NPV

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REINSTATING DEATH PENALTY

Although the federal death penalty is legal, it has not been carried out in 16 years. There are 60 individuals on the federal death row. The present administration is reactivating the death penalty despite the decline in public support for it. President Donald Trump is a long supporter of the death penalty. Five inmates are slated for execution next December and January, all having murdered children. Because of previous problems with the three-drug protocol used in executions, only pentobarbital will be used.



There are 21 states that have abolished the death penalty. It is feared by some that the federal government reinstating the death penalty might encourage some states to reverse their prohibitions. The League opposes capital punishment and expects legal challenges.

—Sydell Shayer, Death Penalty Committee chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET IN AUGUST

The Education Committee will reconvene in the League office on Saturday, August 17, at 10 am to review the new laws passed in the 2019 legislative session and the education program approved by the LWVMO 2019 Convention. Several items, including a study of the four day school schedule adopted by some districts, the restriction of DACA students at state universities, and the steps necessary to advocate for additional funding for pre-K for all school districts in Missouri. We will establish our priorities, set a schedule, and form committees. Many new members have expressed an interest in education and we invite them to join us!



—Nancy Miller

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS

Despite disturbing national headlines, it's a fun year to be part of the Metro St. Louis League with many events to celebrate our centennial and honor the work of suffragists who fought for women's right to vote.

The coming year will be busy as we work to fulfill our mission of empowering voters and defending democracy. On August 19, I will likely be in Cole County Circuit Court to testify in the League's photo ID litigation against the state, stressing that state funding to implement the 2016 Voter ID law was insufficient. Citizens won a victory in court last October when a judge ruled that the secretary of state was permanently enjoined from "...disseminating materials which represent that a photo identification card is required to vote..." or requiring voters with identification other than a photo ID to sign an affidavit.

Missouri Suffragists

The League installed this plaque in the Capitol in 1931 as a tribute "to those women in Missouri whose courageous work opened the opportunities of complete citizenship to all women in the state." An intern updated the list to include first names. The suffragists include: Blanche H. Stephens, Ella Victoria Dobbs, Luella St. Clair Moss, Mary Ashburn McKay, Neva L. Thomas, Rosa Russell Ingels, Victoria Conkling Whitney, Agnes I. Coder Leighty, Clara Craumer Leavens, Emma Baird Siggins White, Emma Lard Longan, Phoebe Routh Ess, Ruth White Lowry, Sarah Walter Chandler Coates, Anna H. Sheldon Chubb, Emily Newell Blair, Katherine Mavity Martin, Alice Curtice



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HELPING FAMILIES AT THE BORDER

LUNCH & LEARN — AUGUST 15, 12:15-1:30



St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., west meeting room
 Casa Romero is a shelter for families newly released by ICE in El Paso. St. Louis resident **Angie O’Gorman** visited El Paso and decided she wanted to help. She found a way to provide for a need the shelter has, so she came back to St. Louis and got busy!

Join us for this Lunch & Learn and find out about the immigrant situation firsthand.

Ms. O’Gorman will share her experience with us and answer questions.

Bring a sack lunch and drink; we will provide the cookies!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you to the many volunteers who are helping the League meet our mission of educating and empowering voters: Alfrieda Anderson, Connie Anthony, Mary Archer, Nicki Batchelor, Cindy Bausola, Julie Behrens, Carole Bendet, Cynthia Biehle, Annetta Booth, Lucy Brennan, Stefany Brot, Kathy Brown, Nicole Burgdorf, Sharon Campione, Pam Carmell, Marilyn Chambers, Becky Clausen, Karen Cloyd, Carrie Crompton, Mickey Croyle, Don Crozier, Jill Davis, Angie Dunlap, Christine Eason, Kathleen Farrell, Linda Fiehler, Susan Fluegel, Cynthia and Patrick Fox, Cathy Frohlichstein, Gloria Garidel, Agnes Garino, Yvette Goods, Margaret Gray, Anne Handley-Fierce, Maggie Hannick, Barbara Harris, Virginia Hartley, Nancy Hirsch, Debby Howard, Joan Hubbard, Lisa Humphreys, Nancy and Gene Hutchins, Donald Jeffries, Chris Jones, Kathy Kane, Danielle Kimbrel, Diane Koop, Meredith Langlitz, Ruth Lee, Mary Leopold, Dorothy Lockard, Christy Marshall, Linda McDaniel, Harry Meyer, Kay Meyer, Cynthia Miller, Nancy Miller, Barbara Mitchell, Cindy Mitchell, Susan Murray, Rebecca Now, Eileen Pacino, Joyce Patton, Nancy Pawol, Jitka Olander, Kathy Quinn, Kathe Quigley, Cheryl Roland, Ann Ross, Irma Ruebling, Jennifer Rushing, Haley Sante, Anne Sappington, Joe Schartz, Yvonne Schlote, Jo Seltzer, Molly Shaller, Sydell Shayer, Becky Shimony, Steve Smith, Catherine Stenger, Carol Strawbridge, Claire Stolz, Pam Todorovich, Sabrina Tyuse, Sharon Wells, Louise Wilkerson, Sue Williams, Cindy Wunderlich and Macon Wurthmann.

If you have time to help in the office or at League events, please contact Barbara Harris at volunteer@LWVstl.org.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LWV OBSERVER CORPS

Want to learn about local issues, see how your elected officials are doing their jobs, and find out what those boards and commissions are about? If so, you would be a great candidate for the LWV's Observer Corps. As a League Observer, you would have the opportunity to sit in on meetings of local agencies like the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, St. Louis County Council or St. Charles County Council, take notes and report back to the League to inform other members and the public.

LEAGUE HISTORY & FASHIONS: 1980s - 2000s

This month's Suffrage Snippet is again condensed from the script for What Women Wore: League of Women Voters Centennial Fashion Show. It was written by writer and member Nichole Burgdorf.

1980s: If the 70s were subdued, the 80s were the polar opposite with the nation obsessed with wealth and excess. In 1981, we formed a single St. Louis County League, uniting the North County, Central County, Southwest, and University City Leagues. Wearing wide-legged, shoulder-padded power suits and using the experience we were gaining the workplace, we sued the state for Missouri reapportionment so that our representatives were elected more fairly. We won, and the following year districts were formed.

Other members with big hair, bright oversized sweaters, denim, and animal print shirts reached out to the first MTV generation (and their parents) through televised public affairs programs and candidate forums, and the St. Louis City League began a weekly cable TV show called "Impact on the Issues." As far as we were concerned, there was no such thing as too much public education.



1990s: Spurred on by a booming economy, the 1990s were a decade of technological innovations with computers and cell phones growing in popularity and increased usage. By the end of the decade, the internet would be commonplace and change our lives forever.

In retrospect, the 90s feel like an unpretentious decade with a chill vibe, which was reflected in its fashion. By the end of the 90s, low riding jeans and crop tops, often referred to as "belly shirts," showed off skin and asserted a strong third-wave of feminism.

While the fashion may have been laid-back, the League was not. We kicked off the decade with a major effort for gun control and a focus on reproductive rights and health care reform. By mid-decade, campaign finance reform was a priority and we successfully got it on the ballot in 2000. Just when Prince's song "1999" was going into full rotation, our *amicus curiae* brief in the Blue Cross & Blue Shield case led to a foundation with millions in funding to assist uninsured and underinsured Missourians. Our joint case with LWVUS to remove term limit language from the Missouri ballot was also successful.

2000s: The first decade of the twenty-first century was a period of turmoil and uncertainty we all remember too well. However, as in all previous times of unrest, the League carried on, fighting for funding for public education, access to quality, affordable health care, including mental health, renewable energy standards and children's safety – all the while sporting cargo pants or skinny jeans and layered colorful shirts.

In 2003, we testified at the state legislature about energy efficiency with the Missouri Clean Energy coalition, which we co-founded. In 2004, we co-sponsored the March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C. At the end of the decade we donned our hipster high-waisted skirts, knitted shirts, and oversized glasses and scarves to join the Missouri Sunshine Coalition in favor of the free flow of government information and the Pew Center on Global Climate Change to collect information about how Missouri was addressing climate change.

SHADES OF SUFFRAGE: HONORING OUR LEAGUE'S FORGOTTEN FOREMOTHERS

LWV of Metro St. Louis is in the midst of the celebration of its centennial and the women who paved the way for equal suffrage and women's political enfranchisement. While the League has countless accomplishments from the last hundred years worthy of commemoration, the St. Louis chapter's inclusion of African American women is often overlooked. St. Louis had one of the few "colored" leagues in the United States at the time of its founding in 1919 and acted as a progressive catalyst to address racial disparities in the city and mobilize African-American voters. By 1924 there were 34,075 African American registered voters in St. Louis, and the League acted as a vehicle to translate this political efficacy into civic engagement.

The League's first president Edna Gellhorn exhibited a strong commitment to racial equality during her tenure. Under her leadership, the League pulled out of the Advisory Board, a coalition of St. Louis women's clubs, in 1921 when posed with the choice of withdrawing or changing the League's policy of racial inclusion. Additionally, the League vowed never to hold business meetings in any venue that barred black members. Gellhorn's unwavering support of racial equality led to her appointment to the Mayor's Race Relations Committee in 1943.



Beatrice Grady led a "colored" League here in fall 1919.

In 1922, the Colored Committee was established as a standing committee with representation on the League's executive committee. Committee chair Carrie Bowles was a liaison between the League and the African American community. One of the first African-American social workers in St. Louis, Bowles led the Colored Committee's efforts to address racial inequities and improve facilities reserved for black St. Louisans. The Colored Committee also spearheaded some of the League's fundraising efforts and collaborated with other women's organizations to address issues including education, health, child welfare and citizenship. Perhaps most notably, the Colored Committee increased appropriations to grant university status to the Lincoln Institute and establish the Turner School for Handicapped Children. The Colored Committee also recognized the power of St. Louis's substantial African American voting bloc. It conducted citizenship schools to educate black voters (especially women) on political issues. Using the League's Get-Out-the-Vote Campaigns, the Colored Committee

registered hundreds of African American voters and provided them with educational materials. The Colored Committee demanded that an African American-only hospital (Homer G. Phillips) be built, as African Americans were receiving poor care at the other city hospitals at the hands of white physicians.

The Colored Committee dissolved in the 1940s, and members were integrated into individual interest



groups within the League. The committee's work in segregated institutions during the 1920s and 1930s exposed the grave racial injustices plaguing St. Louis. The League's black members made the St. Louis League an early frontrunner in the pursuit of racial equity. As we celebrate our first 100 years, we must never forget the vital contributions of our earliest African American members.

Former LWV President Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins has written a book that will be released in January: *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters*. She shared information at the recent national Council meeting about the League's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Her book seeks to tell the story of the African American women who are often left out of the history books. She ended with a powerful call to action for each delegate to embrace the change needed to be the diverse, inclusive, and equitable organization that we envision.

—Haley Sante



SHARING THE MISSION OF THE LEAGUE

Nancy Miller was interviewed on KWMU recently about women's suffrage and the League as a facilitator for good democracy. Miller stressed the League's continued mission to educate citizens and protect voting rights. She said, "Women are hungry to learn how to be involved in political activities." She's pictured with Vivian Eveloff from the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life who spoke about the increasing number of women in law and serving as judges.

2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 6	Election Day for some voting jurisdictions
Aug. 14	Voter Registration Training, Meramec Valley Library, 625 New Smizer Mill Rd, Fenton. 6:30 pm
Aug. 15	Lunch & Learn on Helping Families at the Border, St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh, 12:15-1:30
Aug. 24	Equality Day Brunch, Clayton Plaza Hotel, 7750 Carondelet: 10-2
Aug. 27	New Member Orientation, League office, 6:30-8 pm
Sept. 14-15	Kirkwood Green Tree Festival
Sept. 19	Fall Kickoff Event/General Meeting, Clayton Community Center, 50 Gay Ave. 6:30-8:30 pm
Sept. 28	Library Voter Registration Day
Oct. 16-18	Centennial of Missouri League of Women Voters
Nov. 13	Centennial of St. Louis League—Banquet at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 6 pm

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you are new member of the League of Women Voters or if you just want to learn more about the League, please come to our League orientation event on **Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 pm** in the League office. Come

to hear how the League is defending voter rights, registering voters, serving and educating voters, studying issues and advocating for issues we care about. League leaders will be present to help get you connected to League work. We will be having a salad bar for dinner, so come enjoy a meal with us. RSVP to Angie Dunlap, aok2bfast@hotmail.com, 636-368-6846, or call the League office, 314-961-6869. I hope to see you there.

—Angie Dunlap, LWVSTL membership chair



UNIT MEETINGS

Units will resume meeting in September. Note South County exception.

Chesterfield/Creve Coeur: Second Thursday. Contact: Eve Golden, 314-469-9985 or j.golden@sbcglobal.net

North County: Second Tuesday. Contact Louise Wilkerson, 314-438-8005 or louisew@scglobal.net

St. Charles: August 8, St. Charles Justice Dept. (1781 Zumbuhl Rd.) 6:30 pm. Contact Jennifer Rushing, jrush1120@live.com

St. Louis City: Second Saturday. Contact Kathleen Farrell, 314-773-2876 or kathleenfarrell@earthlink.net

South County: Wednesday, August 14. 6:30 pm. Voter registration training. Meramec Valley Library Branch, 625 New Smizer Mill Rd, Fenton. Contact Angie Dunlap, 636-368-6846 or aok2bfast@hotmail.com

University City/Clayton Unit: TBA, contact League Office, 314-961-6869

Webster/Kirkwood: Wednesday, Sept. 11, First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 W. Lockwood,. Contact K Wentzien, 314-961-0894 (home), 314-805-6950 (cell) or suitsme.prodigy.net

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Unless marked * meetings are held at the League office at 8706 Manchester Rd., Suite 104, Brentwood*

Centennial: Monday, Aug. 26, 4 pm. Contact: Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or njismill@gmail.com

City-County Governance Study Group: Monday, August 19, 6 pm. Contact: Debby Howard, 314-434-3073 or jackhowe@swbell.net

Early Voting: No meeting in August. Contact Joan Hubbard, 314-753-0689 or joanhubbard@prodigy.net

Education: Saturday, Aug. 17th, 10am-11:30am. Contact Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or njismill@gmail.com

Environmental Quality: Thursday, August 28, 4:30–5:30 pm. League office. Contact: Mickey Croyle, 314-395-7876 or erwincroyle@charter.net

Health Care: Aug. 15, 5:30-7 pm. Contact: Irma Ruebling, 314-330-9063 or irma.ruebling@slu.edu

National Popular Vote: Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1 pm. * Meet at 709 Champeix Ln., Creve Coeur. Contact: Sydell Shayer, 314-434-5116 or slshayer@gmail.com

Policing Committee: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2-3:30 pm. Contact: Mary Leopold, 314-991-5958 or mary.muldoon.leopold@gmail.com



Suffragist Bookmarks

LWV Metro League's suffragist bookmarks are starting to appear at St. Louis County libraries. The set of eight has information on Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Edna Gellhorn, Virginia Minor, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth and Ida B. Wells. The full set and a suffragist coloring book are available for \$5 in the office or at lwwstl.org.



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At a July 24 meeting the St. Louis County Charter Commission, Nancy Miller shared the League's support for election reforms, including public financing of campaigns and alternative voting systems. The League is studying Show Me Integrity's proposed St. Louis County Anti-Corruption Act.