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### SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE VOTING SYSTEMS

LWVUS and the Metro St. Louis board recently approved advocacy for alternative voting systems as part of Making Democracy Work. This means League members can support an effort underway in St. Louis to implement approval voting in municipal primaries with a two-person run-off in April elections.

Prop D calls for an open and nonpartisan system to elect the offices of mayor, comptroller, president of the board of aldermen and alderman. In the primary, voters would be able to choose any and all candidates they support, and then the top two candidates would be in a run-off election in April. Petition signatures are currently being collected to get Prop D on the ballot in March 2020.

Aaron Hamlin from the Center for Election Science spoke to board members on June 3, saying approval voting brings more fairness to elections, helps moderate candidates and reduces the impact of money from special interests. While it's similar in some ways to ranked choice voting, approval voting would not require different voting equipment.

Tyler Schichenmeyer shared details of STL Approves, the force behind getting signatures and support for Prop D. In several elections, less than 40 percent of St. Louis City residents voted for the winner and approximately 65 percent voted for someone who did not become the winner. He



*Benjamin Singer, Tyler Schichenmeyer and Aaron Hamlin discuss Prop D with Metro board members.*

said the city's current voting system enables candidates to win with only a small percentage of supporting voters. STL Approves hopes that Prop D will increase voter turnout and foster the belief that every vote matters.

He stressed three other advantages:

- This voting system makes sure that the winning candidate has broad support and that candidates do not split votes.
- Voters are more likely to vote for candidates with good policy ideas, not those with the most money.
- No voting system is perfect, but approval voting has shown efficient and fair results.

The city of Fargo, ND approved this voting system in 2018. Voting systems with a top-two, nonpartisan run-off have been used in Kansas City, Chicago and other municipalities. St. Louis has the potential to be added to this list and to reform voting.

LWV of Ohio studied primary election systems and adopted the following position in March 2017: "LWVO supports open primary systems that narrow the field of candidates for the general election and permit all registered voters, regardless of political party membership, to participate." Leaguer Meredith Langlitz was part of that study before moving to St. Louis.

The St. Louis City unit is planning a meeting on Prop D soon. For more information, go to <https://stlapproves.org/>.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Whew! We have made it through a busy year that has been action-packed and fun-filled. Thanks to the dedication of our members, office staff and interns we have been very successful. Due to excellent teamwork and a can-do spirit, we always seem to be able to pull through to meet each challenge.

Now that summer is here, some of us will try to take a little time for rest and recreation, but we will still be busy with multiple voter registration activities as we gear up for many projects, services and programs to be tackled in the coming fiscal year. So hold on to your hats and stay tuned.

Remember, we will continue celebrating the centennial of the Metro St. Louis League and (Both were established in 1919.) On Nov. 13, 2019, we will hold a gala dinner at The Sheldon to celebrate 100 years of the



**Interns Haley and Maggie with Nancy, Louise and the suffragist in the office.**

League in St. Louis. Past presidents of the League will receive special recognition and many other enjoyable experiences are planned. Please plan to attend; detailed information is forthcoming.

The League will be marching in the Webster Groves July 4<sup>th</sup> parade with the Girl Scouts. Our theme will be the past, present and future in the struggle to gain equal rights for women, including suffrage.

Next, Governor Parson will issue a resolution honoring the League of Women Voters of Missouri on the occasion of its centennial year. At 2 pm on July 8, 2019, the resolution will be presented to the

president of the LWVMO board, Evelyn Maddox, in the rotunda of the State Capitol. Members will travel to Jefferson City to participate in the ceremony. Please call the office if you'd like to join us.

Nancy Miller, Jean Dugan and Evelyn Maddox attended the LWV National Council meeting in Leesburg, VA, in June and they came back enthused with all the great information and resources they received. Although Metro St. Louis is an awesome local League, Jean and Nancy report that they received great information about ways we must change to maintain our organization's relevance and impact in the community.

We will be working on this in the coming year as we increase voter education and voter registration to prepare for the 2020 elections. Additionally, we have much to do to promote participation in the 2020 census. This is in addition to our advocacy and work regarding a number of critical issues. We strongly encourage you to pitch in and help; we need you. Please check our website and Facebook page about ways you can be involved.

—Nancy J. Miller and Louise T. Wilkerson

### 2019-20 LWVMSTL OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS

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## CALL TO ACTION: ST. LOUIS COUNTY REVIEWING BUILDING CODES

The St. Louis County Council will soon be updating building energy codes. Last summer, St. Louis City adopted the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) building codes. The County should adopt these same energy codes. With this code, new county homeowners and renters could save \$500 per household each year on lighting, heating and cooling costs.



The current proposal by the St. Louis County Building Commission would significantly increase energy costs for residents compared to the current county building codes. We should be making our homes more efficient—not less. The new building codes should include updates to the amount of building insulation, requirements for energy-efficient windows and programmable thermostats.

Greater energy efficiency standards create greater benefits by saving money on utility bills, by reducing pollution (burning less coal), by improving indoor air quality and by protecting homebuyers with certified energy audits to ensure homes are tight, well-insulated and that perform as required by code.

The St. Louis County Council will make the final decision. Please write or email your County Councilmember and County Executive Dr. Sam Page today in support of energy efficiency for new residential and commercial buildings. (<https://www.stlouisco.com/Your-Government/County-Council>)

For your calendar:

- July 18 at 4:30 pm at the League office is the next meeting of the Environmental Quality Committee. Everyone is welcomed. Dessert and snacks will be provided. The EQ would like to hear from the League membership on environmental quality and natural resource topics that they would like to learn more about. Please contact Mickey if you have questions or an environmental topic at [erwin-croyle@charter.net](mailto:erwin-croyle@charter.net). Hope to see you at the meeting.
- September 23 – 25 is the Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Westport Sheraton Chalet Hotel September 23 – 25. (Additional information at <http://www.moraconference.org/>).

—Mickey Croyle, Chair, Environmental Quality Committee

### ENERGY TIP FOR THE MONTH

Summer has arrived, so consider hanging up your clothes outside to dry. Over a lifetime, energy use associated with an article of clothing is from washing and drying it.



## HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

Medicaid expansion has been shown to improve access and quality of health care for individuals. Less reported is the effect of Medicaid expansion for health care providers and communities. From our research, an example of the positive effects in states that have expanded Medicaid is listed below.

**Clinical outcomes:** Research documentation shows that with Medicaid expansion (1) “...adults have increased use of screening services and preventive care, diabetes medications and other prescription drugs, dental care, and other services,” (2) “...during childhood also has long-term positive impacts, including reduced teen mortality, reduced disability, improved long-run educational attainment and lower rates of emergency department visits and hospitalization in later life.”<sup>1</sup>

**Financial outcomes:**

- 1) Besides the health benefits of Medicaid, it protects against medical debt, bankruptcy and improves economic security of individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>
- 2) Revenues have increased and uncompensated costs have declined in Medicaid expansion states compared to non-expansion states.<sup>3</sup>
- 3) Medicaid expansion states are associated with improved hospital financial performance and substantially lower likelihoods of closure, especially in rural areas with large numbers of uninsured adults before Medicaid expansion.<sup>4</sup>
- 4) Medicaid expansion in Missouri is approximately revenue neutral and could create a cost savings.<sup>5</sup>
- 5) Since 2010, three rural hospitals in Missouri have closed and 14 others are considered at risk for closing.<sup>6</sup>



A recent study on advocacy found that “...the work of public advocates is critical to advance Medicaid expansion”.<sup>7</sup> Medicaid expansion is moving forward in Missouri. We are critical advocates. The first step in effective advocacy is gaining knowledge to accurately explain the issue and be able to respond to questions. We are working to provide information that is convincing and compelling to constituents.

—Irma Ruebling, Chair, Health Care Committee

1 Leighton Ku, Julia Paradise, and Victoria Thompson, Medicaid’s Role In Providing Access To Preventive Care For Adults, KFF, Data Note, May, 2017.

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3 Aaron Sojourner and Ezra Golberstein, “Medicaid Expansion Reduced Unpaid Medical Debt and Increased Financial Satisfaction,” *Health Affairs* July 2017.

4 Robery C. Landrooth, Marcelo C Perrailon, Rose Y. Hardy and Gregory J. Tung, Understanding the Relationship between Medicaid Expansions and Hospital Closures. *Health Affairs*, 37:1, 2018, pp 111-120.

5 Analysis of the Fiscal Impact of Medical Expansion in Missouri, Center for Health Economics and Policy, Institute of Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis, February 2019, p. 7.

6 David Mosley and Daniel DeBehnke, Rural Hospital Sustainability, Navigant, Feb. 2019.

7 Timothy Callaghan & Lawrence Jacobs, *Interest Group Conflict Over Medicaid Expansion: The Surprising Impact of Public Advocates*, 106 *American Journal of Public*.

## NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT ACTION

After more than five years of concerted and coordinated effort, Oregon finally passed Nation Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) bills in the House and Senate, with Governor Kate Brown signing the bill on June 12, 2019. With passage in Oregon, 16 states have now passed NPVIC bills, bringing the total electoral votes to 196 with only 74 more needed to activate the compact nationally. As in many other states, the League of Women Voters was acknowledged in the League of Women Voters of Florida *Update* as critical in getting the bill passed in the Oregon legislature.

Maine failed to enact the compact after a tumultuous few days. They have strange voting procedures which I have yet to figure out. I received almost hour-by-hour updates on the vote. The House would support the bill, take another vote later, defeat it and then do it again. The same with the Senate. What was really strange is the senators and reps kept changing their votes. Shortly before the session was ending, the compact was finally defeated—now waiting for another year.

Our St. Louis League NPV committee meets almost every two or three weeks. We are aiming to have the compact introduced in the next Missouri legislature. We will call on League members for assistance.



—Sydell Shayer, Chair, LWVMSL NPV

### CONCERNS ABOUT MIGRANT CHILDREN

Many League members have expressed concern about children separated from family members at the border with Mexico and the condition of current detention centers. The League's position on Immigration is on page 8 of *Impact on Issues 2018-2020*:

*Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.*

You can help serve the League's mission and promote the reunification of families at the border by calling Senators Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley or your U.S. Representative and asking them to address these issues.



**The League registered 42 new citizens at a June 28 naturalization ceremony at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse. The Metro League has a \$2,000 grant from LWVUS for its 2019 New Citizens Voter Registration Project. League Members who want to be part of this project or Library Registration Day in September should contact Catherine Stenger at 636-532-0473 or [catherinestenger@yahoo.com](mailto:catherinestenger@yahoo.com)**

## TRIBUTE TO LOIS BLISS

Lois Bliss, 50-year-plus League member, passed away on June 12. She was an active member of the Kirkwood League, including serving as president before the St. Louis County Leagues merged. She was a board member of the Metropolitan League and the Citizen Information Service (CIRC), both Inter-League organizations comprising the city and county Leagues.



Lois was particularly devoted to education and library issues. She chaired the state League Public Library study from 2003 to 2007. The Kirkwood Library was her passion and until recently she devoted many hours there as a volunteer. For the last few years Lois organized a special project for the League's annual December luncheon. Luncheon guests purchased donated Kirkwood Library children's books to be distributed to selected charitable organizations.

Lois' involvement in the Kirkwood community was wide-ranging, including serving as vice-chair of the original Kirkwood Charter Commission. She also

served in a critical role as a volunteer on the U.S. Department of Justice City/Community Mediation Team, created in 2008, following the Kirkwood City Hall shootings.

Because of her expertise in organization and management, Lois gave workshops in and outside of the League. She was also a valued member of the former Conference on Education, Confluence St. Louis (now FOCUS St. Louis) and a graduate of the Leadership St. Louis program.

Lois served as an elected member of the St. Louis Community College Board of Trustees.

Like her other League friends, we'll miss her, but especially at our Friday ten-times-a-year dinner gatherings which keep us "experienced" Leaguers in touch as we share our experiences and ongoing friendships.

See Lois' obituary in the *Webster-Kirkwood Times*: [https://www.timesnewspapers.com/webster-kirkwoodtimes/lois-wanslow-bliss/article\\_a2b4a73a-92da-11e9-84e8-1b3459a1b6b3.html](https://www.timesnewspapers.com/webster-kirkwoodtimes/lois-wanslow-bliss/article_a2b4a73a-92da-11e9-84e8-1b3459a1b6b3.html)



—Agnes Garino & Sydell Shayer

### Tributes & Memorials

As of July 1, the office had received six donations in memory of Lois Bliss. Thanks to Sue Dellbringe, Maxine Gilner, Nancy Miller, Barbara and Michael Newmark, Judith Smart, and R. Joanne and Raleigh Wilson.

As this issue went to press, we also learned of the death of Jeanne Morell-Franklin. Jeanne served as President of the St. Louis League from 2005 to 2007. She died in Everett, WA, on June 25 at age 92.

## LEAGUE HISTORY & FASHIONS: 1930 - 1979

*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.*

**1930s:** In the 1930s, the Social Security Act passed with League-supported provisions, and permanent voter registration for St. Louis and St. Louis County became a reality. The biggest project of the decade was the work we did on a merit system campaign from 1934 to 1941. We fought in favor of the merit system, under which jobs and programs went to the most qualified, and the passage of an amendment favoring the merit system.

**1940s:** The League officially joined the war effort in 1942 with War Service Units that educated citizens about government. Those who remained at home campaigned for nonpartisan courts and a new state constitution. V-J Day marked the end of the war and rationing of raw materials. Fabric was again

available and hemlines fell below the knee, with long skirts

in style. The League supported the creation of a UN Charter, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Locally, we were in the vanguard of developing a civil rights agenda. In 1949, we began work to eliminate segregation in all publicly-supported schools.

**1950s:** The country experienced a period of boom. Fashion reflected this heady optimism. During the post-war baby boom, members campaigned for a Missouri Human Rights Commission. In St. Louis, we pressed for the creation of a Metropolitan Sewer District and conducted an International Trade Fair and Survey. We adopted television for call-in programs as a service to voters. We also began holding Freedom Agenda forums and publishing information on individual liberties publications, all of which earned our chapter the LaGuardia Award for achievement in municipal affairs in 1958.

**1960s:** After a period of peace and prosperity, dramatic conflicts like the Vietnam war and Cuban missile crisis and the rise of the hippie drug culture divided the country, resulting in opposing political and fashion styles. Clothing became a means of showcasing one's lifestyle choices, politics and attitudes. Whether hippie, mod or traditional, the women of Missouri were busy. They supported water pollution control amendments as early as 1961 and by the late 1960s were involved in the drafting and passage of state environmental legislation. By 1965, the St. Louis League campaigned for fair employment practices, public accommodations and fair housing, and formed an Inner-City Committee to inform and register voters. LWV of Metro St. Louis was formed in 1966 as a coordinating organization for the local leagues, better uniting local efforts.

**1970s:** By the 1970s, both politics and fashion became more subdued and gender inclusive. ... The ladies of Missouri welcomed men as members for the first time and established a desegregation with busing study committee. In vintage clothes from charity shops, slogan t-shirts, bellbottoms and platform shoes, or kaftans and oversized dresses, we supported the Equal Rights Amendment, welfare reform, environmental issues and property tax reform. And when we won an Emmy for "outstanding achievement in broadcasting" for the 1976 Presidential debates, our representatives likely accepted in dresses with lacy necklines and cuffs or updated siren suits with wide lapels and gathered shoulders.



## IN LEAGUE REPORTER SURVEY RESULTS

This month the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis asked *In League Reporter* recipients to complete a short survey about the content and quality of the newsletter. As of June 28, 79 members responded with their opinions on the newsletter and how it can be improved.

Overall, respondents enjoyed reading the *In League Reporter* and found it highly informative. Members found the calendar of events, committee meeting schedules and the unit meeting schedule among the most useful aspects. With 92 percent of respondents saying the calendar of upcoming events is especially useful, one member suggested adding the calendar to the front page of the newsletter to improve readability. Similarly, members found news about legislation, event coverage and volunteer opportunities to be the most interesting feature items in the newsletter.



The League also asked members which committee reports they find the most intriguing and helpful. Committee reports on Environmental Quality, Early Voting and the National Popular Vote were the most popular.

Finally, the League asked newsletter recipients if they had any specific recommendations for future issues. Most respondents were generally pleased with the content and quality of the newsletter and found it easy to read. A few suggested switching the online newsletter's PDF format to HTML to make it more user-friendly.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *In League Reporter* survey. Your input is valuable and plays a vital role in improving our monthly newsletter. Any further suggestions are welcome. Please send to [sserdda961@gmail.com](mailto:sserdda961@gmail.com).

—Haley Sante, intern and member

### Comments about the *ILR*:

"It's extremely important that members and the community know what the League is doing and you do a great job of providing that information."

"I think it connects the member to the League."

"Be sure to welcome anyone with time or skills to volunteer at any-time. Some of us need nudged often!"

"Content could go deeper on League issues, but it reflects the state of what's happening in our League."

## NATURALIZATION CEREMONY FEATURED AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Catherine Stenger and Joyce Patton spoke with St. Charles American Heritage Girls on June 21 in the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse jury assembly room.

The girls led the Pledge of Allegiance in the naturalization ceremony and afterwards displayed signs to encourage the new citizens to vote.

American Heritage Girls is a leadership and character development program.





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS

The LWV Council meeting in Leesburg, VA was both interesting and informative. The theme of the four-day meeting was the Power of Our Transformation, with a focus on the League's power and potential. LWV President Chris Carson said LWVUS is trying to be less cumbersome and more supportive of state and local Leagues. She mentioned several ways national staff is working to increase capacity at all levels and develop a healthier League network. A new membership database will be released July 9 with new time-saving features. She stressed that the commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is central to all of the League's work.

CEO Virginia Kase said Vote411 has served 5 million voters. Voter participation increased in 2018, with 20 percent higher turnout by young people aged 18 to 29. She called on attendees to stress that every vote matters. "All people should engage in democracy," Kase said. "You can't change anything if you don't engage." She also previewed a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary digital campaign that will launch in August.



**Karen Nicholson**

Speakers shared valuable tips on messaging and strategic planning, with break-out sessions on social media, fundraising, voter contact, and data and evaluation. I enjoyed the opportunity to talk with executive directors from eight other states as well as with state presidents who don't think they can afford staff or an office.

Nancy Miller, Evelyn Maddox and I also met with Karen Nicholson, Missouri's national board liaison. Expect to see more information from Council in the coming months.

Before the meeting, LWVMO President Evelyn Maddox and I toured the U.S. Capitol and a suffrage exhibit at the Library of Congress: "Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote."



**Jean Dugan**

## WELCOME, SUMMER INTERNS

Maggie Hannick is a new member of the League of Women Voters and is grateful to have the opportunity to intern for this important organization. She also works for Civitas, an educational non-profit promoting active citizenship, and the Peace Economy Project, researching international relations and human rights. Maggie is an active volunteer for the International Institute, tutoring immigrants in citizenship, and this July she will be traveling to the national Youth and Government conference in North Carolina. Maggie is a recent graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and will be attending College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, this fall. She plans to study social science and Mandarin Chinese on the pre-med track.

Haley Sante is an eager new member of the League. She is a junior at Webster University majoring in Political Science with an emphasis in public law. She is also pursuing minors in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies and International Human Rights. Haley serves as the Campaign Outreach Liaison on the executive board for a student organization and plans to join Webster's Amnesty International chapter. When not in class or working with the League, Haley works part-time at Bed Bath & Beyond as a sales associate and registry consultant.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you to the many volunteers who are helping the League meet our mission of educating and empowering voters: Mary Archer, Nicki Batchelor, Cindy Bausola, Cynthia Biehle, Lucy Brennan, Stefany Brot, Kathy Brown, Nicole Burgdorf, Marilyn Chambers, Esther Clark, Carrie Crompton, Don Crozier, Jill Davis, Jean Dugan, Angie Dunlap, Christine Eason, Linda Fiehler, Susan Fluegel, Agnes Garino, Margaret Gray, Barbara Harris, Virginia Hartley, Debby Howard, Joan Hubbard, Lisa Humphreys, Donald Jeffries, Chris Jones, Kathy Kane, Danielle Kimbrel, Meredith Langlitz, Ruth Lee, Mary Leopold, Dorothy Lockard, Linda McDaniel, Harry Meyer, Kay Meyer, Cynthia Miller, Nancy Miller, Barbara 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, Anne Sappington, Joe Schartz, Yvonne Schlote, Sydell Shayer, Steve Smith, Catherine Stenger, Carol Strawbridge, Pam Todorovich, Sabrina Tyuse, Sharon Wells, Louise Wilkerson, Cindy Wunderlich and Macon Wurthmann.

If you have time to help, please contact Barbara Harris at [volunteer@LWVstl.org](mailto:volunteer@LWVstl.org). Look for the yellow sign-in sheet on a clipboard by the front desk that we use to track our volunteers' hours. If we neglected to list your name, please let us know and we will thank you in the next newsletter.

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2019 UPCOMING EVENTS	
July 4	League marchers participate in Webster Groves parade: 9 am—noon
July 8	Governor proclamation honoring suffrage and the LWVMO at state capitol: 2 pm
July 14	Showing and discussion of <i>Rigged</i> , a film about voter suppression: Kirkwood Public Library, 2 pm
August 24	Equality Day Brunch, Clayton Plaza Hotel, 7750 Carondelet: 10—2
Sept. 14-15	Kirkwood Green Tree Festival
Sept. 19	Fall Kickoff Event/General Meeting, 6 pm
Sept. 28	National Voter Registration Day (Sept. 25) VR event at area libraries
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

## UNIT MEETINGS

*Units will resume meeting in September.*

**Chesterfield/Creve Coeur:** : Second Thursday. Contact: Eve Golden, 314-469-9985 or [j.golden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.golden@sbcglobal.net)

**North County:** Second Tuesday. Contact Louise Wilkerson, 314-438-8005 or [louisew@scglobal.net](mailto:louisew@scglobal.net)

**St. Charles:** TBA. Contact Jennifer Rushing, [jrush1120@live.com](mailto:jrush1120@live.com)

**St. Louis City:** Second Saturday. Contact Kathleen Farrell, 314-773-2876 or [kathleenfarrell@earthlink.net](mailto:kathleenfarrell@earthlink.net)

**South County:** Thursday, July 8, 6:30 pm, at the home of Angie Dunlap. Contact Angie at 636-368-6846 or [aok2bfast@hotmail.com](mailto:aok2bfast@hotmail.com)

**University City/Clayton Unit:** Second Monday. Contact Ellie Hayes, 314-387-7082 or [gizellie@outlook.com](mailto:gizellie@outlook.com)

**Webster/Kirkwood:** Second Wednesday. Contact K Wentzien, 314-961-0894 (home), 314-805-6950 (cell) or [suitsme.prodigy.net](mailto:suitsme.prodigy.net)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Unless noted, \* all meetings below will be held at the League office at 8706 Manchester Rd., Suite 104, Brentwood*

**Centennial:** Monday, July 29, 4:30 pm. Contact: Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or [njmill@yahoo.com](mailto:njmill@yahoo.com)

**Early Voting:** TBD. Contact Joan Hubbard, 314-753-0689 or [joanhubbard@prodigy.net](mailto:joanhubbard@prodigy.net)

**Education:** No meeting in July. Contact Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or [njmill@yahoo.com](mailto:njmill@yahoo.com)

**Environmental Quality:** Thursday, July 18, 4:30–5:30 pm. League office. Contact: Mickey Croyle, 314-395-7876 or [erwincroyle@charter.net](mailto:erwincroyle@charter.net)

**Health Care:** Tuesday, July 16, 5:30-7 pm. Contact: Irma Ruebling, 314-330-9063 or [irma.ruebling@slu.edu](mailto:irma.ruebling@slu.edu)

**National Popular Vote:** Tuesday, July 9, 1 pm. \* Meet at 709 Champeix Ln., Creve Coeur. Contact: Sydell Shayer, 314-434-5116 or [slshayer@gmail.com](mailto:slshayer@gmail.com)

**Policing Committee:** Friday, July 26, 2-3:30 pm. Contact: Mary Leopold, [mary.muldoon.leopold@gmail.com](mailto:mary.muldoon.leopold@gmail.com) or 314-991-5958 or

**City-County Governance Study Group:** Monday, July 15, 4-5:30 pm. Contact: Debby Howard, 314-434-3073 or [jack-howe@swbell.net](mailto:jack-howe@swbell.net)



***Mickey Croyle gave a presentation on transportation equitability and sustainability at a Lunch 'n' Learn at Webster University on June 12. Sge stressed that 922 of Missouri's bridges are rated "poor" by the Federal Highway Administration, with 60% exceeding their intended life of 50 years. Lack of funding for public transportation compromises safety and reduces access to jobs, health care, and education.***



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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 Alderman, St. Louis County Council or St. Charles County Council, take notes, and report back to the League to inform other members and the public.

You may even become interested in serving in some public capacity. Harriet Woods, our first and only female Missouri lieutenant governor, got her start in

politics in this way! For more information or to volunteer, contact Sue Williams, [sjwillia43@att.net](mailto:sjwillia43@att.net), or call the Metro LWV office at 314-961-869 and leave your name and contact info.

