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September 2019

ANNUAL FALL KICKOFF

Thursday, September 19th



6:30pm – 8:30 pm

**Center of Clayton
50 Gay Ave.**

This free membership meeting to kick off our legislative year will feature finger food and conversation. We need a quorum of members to vote on gun policy.

Speaker: **Denise Lieberman**, Director of the Power and Democracy Program at the Advancement Project, will update us on court cases, election reforms in Vote2020, and other issues.

**Please RSVP to league@lwvstl.org
or 314-961-6869.**

MEDICAID EXPANSION: BRINGING HEALTH CARE TO 230,000 MISSOURIANS

League members are starting to collect signatures on a petition to place Medicaid expansion on the November 2020 ballot. If adopted, the Missouri Constitution would be amended to expand Medicaid “for persons 19 to 64 years old with an income level at or below 133% of the federal poverty level as set forth in the Affordable Care Act.” Individuals making under \$17,000/year as a single person or \$23,000/year as a family of two would become eligible for Medicaid coverage. Currently, Missouri HealthNet, the state’s Medicaid program, covers only disabled people, pregnant women, children and some seniors. This amendment is projected to cover around 230,000 more Missourians.

Training sessions for anyone interested in gathering signatures from Missouri registered voters will be Wednesday, September 11, at 6 pm. and Thursday, September 12, at 1 pm in the League office.

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Nancy Miller speaking to members of the St. Charles unit voter suppression and the voter ID case (see Page 5).

ST. CHARLES UNIT: READY TO GO!

The St. Charles unit is newly energized after a meeting on August 8. Co-President Nancy Miller Miller spoke to a group of about 30 interested residents about the League. Jennifer Rushing brought attendees up to date on our advocacy issues. Denise Lieberman from the Advancement Project gave a stirring presentation on

The unit plans to register voters at libraries in St. Charles and Warren counties on September 28. To sign up or get more information, please contact Jennifer Rushing at jrush1120@live.com. See page 9 for more on Library Day and other LWVMSTL voter registration events.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It is with a great deal of joy that we look forward to kicking off a new League year with continuing to commemorate 100 years of LWV Metro St. Louis and LWV Missouri, as well as the centennial of the 19th Amendment. To bring attention to the League's 100 years in St. Louis, the Metro St. Louis League will have an information booth at the annual Kirkwood Greentree Festival, September 14 and 15. Our booth will offer voter registration and voter education about several issues.

We are continuing the celebration of the centennial year with our Gala Banquet on November 13 at the Sheldon. It will be a fantastic tribute to the work of generations of league members.

Don't miss the Annual Fall Kickoff on Thursday, September 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Center of Clayton at 50 Gay Avenue. Denise Lieberman—attorney, League member and well-known election protection champion—will be the featured speaker on the status of voter protection efforts and related issues. Members will vote on a new gun policy position that the Metro St. Louis board recently approved based on the national position. This is a free membership event with delicious finger food and great conversation.

Meanwhile, advocacy and voter protection actions move on. On August 13, Evelyn Maddox, president of LWV Missouri, testified at the Cole County Courthouse in the Photo ID trial.

We are gearing up to help get enough signatures for a petition to put a Medicaid expansion bill on the November 2020 ballot. As you know, the well-being and lives of thousands of Missourians hang in the balance. Training on how to gather signatures will be offered on September 11 at 6 pm and September 12 |at 1 pm in the League office.

We are also partnering with Show Me Integrity and other organizations to present a town hall meeting on September 16 focusing on Ethics in St. Louis and Missouri Government. The town hall will be at Kol Rinah auditorium at 829 Hanley Road 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The County Council, County Executive and other STL County officials will respond to questions from the audience.



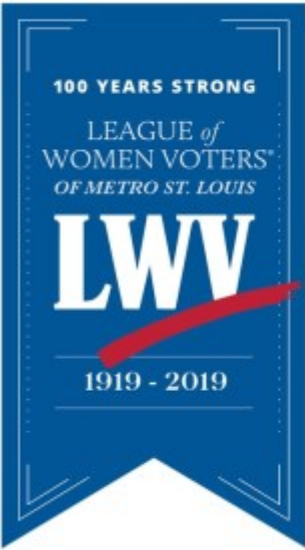
We continue our second annual National Voter Registration Day observance at local libraries on September 28. We are also moving ahead with advocacy for Prop D in St. Louis City, early voting, gun safety, national popular vote, more state funding for education and environmental quality issues. We also plan to work hard with partners to help get every person in our region counted in the 2020 U.S. Census.

—Nancy J. Miller and Louise T. Wilkerson

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*You are cordially invited
to the Metro St. Louis League's
Centennial Banquet
Honoring Local League Leaders*

Music by Carolbeth True and Dawn Weber

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019
6 - 8:30 pm

Sheldon Concert Hall Ballroom
3648 Washington, St. Louis, MO

For tickets and sponsorship levels, go to lwwstl.org/events.

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A Washington University research group has projected that Medicaid expansion in Missouri would not cost the state additional money. Writing for *The St. Louis American*, Abigail Barker, a member of the research group, explained the cost savings is largely due to the eligibility to receive the 90% federal match funds allowed for states expanding Medicaid.² Individuals will become eligible for a much better match rate, 90% rather than the current 65%, which will save the state money. With the 90% matching funds it is estimated that Missouri's share will be about \$130 million.¹

Research on states that have expanded Medicaid show that by increasing accessibility to and utilization of health care services, health outcomes improve, and individuals reporting their health as excellent has significantly increased.³ Besides the specific health-related benefits, Medicaid expansion improves economic security for individuals and families.⁴ It also lowers the likelihood of hospital closure,⁵ and thereby sustaining a quality workforce and social and economic security of the community.⁵

The Medicaid expansion petition is now being circulated for signatures. More than 160,000 signatures are needed to meet the required number for certification to be on the November 2020 ballot. The LWV is asking for volunteers to assist in this important cause. Our first event for collecting signatures will be at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park September 14-15. Please contact the League office if you can attend either training sessions or want to help collect signatures in the coming weeks.

—Irma Ruebling, Chair, Health Care Committee

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UPDATE ON RECENT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND ADVOCACY BY LWVMSTL

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) West Lake Landfill decision marks a significant milestone in the cleanup of the landfill. The League worked with coalition partners Just Moms STL, Kay Drey, Sierra Club, and Missouri Coalition for the Environment to review the EPA 2008 decision. LWVMSTL sent letters to EPA calling for the complete removal of radioactive waste from the landfill. On July 30 Just Moms STL met with EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and others to receive the latest updates concerning the West Lake Landfill cleanup plan. The EPA's final decision calls for removal of up to 70% of the radioactive material and for disposal at an out-of-state facility, a reversal of the EPA's 2008 decision to cap-and-leave the waste at the unlined landfill in the Missouri River floodplain. EPA did agree to additional studies to monitor water contamination. The coalition will continue to push for full removal of the radioactive waste.

Coal ash is arguably some of the worst regional environmental pollution. A by-product of coal production, it is usually made up of heavy metals like lead, mercury and arsenic—all dangerous to human health. A report earlier this year found that most of these sites are already leaking into groundwater. The LWVMSTL sent letters to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and an action alert to oppose their very weak regulations. These actions were successful--the DNR coal ash regulations were withdrawn--waiting for new EPA rules. The EPA unfortunately announced a proposal July 30 that it would rollback coal ash regulations and will hold a hearing for comment on the proposed rule on October 2. Stay tuned for a further call to action to oppose this dangerous new EPA regulation.



The EPA Clean Power Plan rollback signed into law last month is regrettable. The League did provide testimony opposing this and worked with the Missouri Clean Energy Coalition to oppose the cuts to the plan.

Clean Line news: Over the past two years, the League and its coalition partners from the Missouri Clean Energy Coalition have been working to support the Clean Line and Grain Belt Express Project to transmit renewable energy. Invenergy LLC, which owns and operates renewable energy generation projects, was approved to acquire the Clean Line and the Grain Belt Express Project, a victory for the environment.

The Environmental Quality Committee continues advocacy for clean air and water, as well as measures to significantly mitigate and slow the rate of climate change. We will continue to monitor and advocate for the sustainability of STL city environmental projects. If you have environmental topics of interest, please forward them to the committee.

—Environmental Quality chair, Mickey Croyle

ENERGY TIP FOR THE MONTH

Environmental Tip for September: Reduce plastic waste by bringing your own reusable plastic or cloth bags and containers to place vegetables, fruits, etc. at the grocery store or farmer's market. When buying food in bulk, bring your own container to the store to weigh it for you, so you do not get charged for its weight.



LEAGUE SUES STATE OVER PHOTO ID LAW IMPLEMENTATION

LWVMO President Evelyn Maddox testified on August 20 that Missouri voters are still confused about what identification they need to present at the polls despite extensive education efforts by League volunteers. The lawsuit filed by the League and NAACP challenges the Secretary of State's implementation of the photo ID law.

Cole County Circuit Court Judge Jon Beetem is expected to rule on the case this fall.

"League members watch for threats to our right to vote," Maddox testified, stressing the League's history of fighting for free and fair access to the ballot. She said both voters and poll workers are confused by recent changes to voter ID requirements. She shared her own experience trying to vote in the August 2017 election without showing ID. She requested and used a provisional ballot to vote, but it could not be retrieved at her polling place once she returned with a photo ID. "I don't know if my vote counted," she told the court.



Evelyn Maddox (second from right) is pictured with Advancement Project lawyers Denise Lieberman and Sabrina Khan, Gillian Wilcox from the ACLU, Executive Director Jean Dugan, and Metro St. Louis officers Nancy Miller and Nancy Price.

Missouri's voter ID law went into effect in 2017, following passage of a 2016 voter referendum (Amendment 6) that allowed the state to require a photo ID to vote. In October 2018, a judge said in a case brought by Priorities USA that Missouri voters do not need to show a state-issued photo ID or sign an affidavit swearing their information is correct.

Missouri NAACP President Nimrod Chapel compared the affidavit to poll taxes and civics questions used to disenfranchise African Americans and part of a history of injustice. He testified that Missouri broke its promise to notify voters of the new law.

Professor Diana Mutz from the University of Pennsylvania and Mack Bradley from StandPoint were expert witnesses testifying about how the Secretary of State's ShowIt2Vote campaign was poorly funded, planned and executed. Susan DuBois also testified about problems voters encountered at the polls in St. Charles in November 2018.

The case was filed on behalf of the Missouri State Conference of the NAACP, LWV of Missouri, and Christine Dragonette who oversees an ID acquisition program at St. Francis Xavier College Church on the St. Louis University campus. The lead attorney is Robert Fram from the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP. Denise Lieberman will share more information about the case and other work to fight voter suppression at the Fall Kickoff on September 19.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK IN MISSOURI

Calling all local leaders – to a **Planning Conference** focused on **Making Democracy Work in Missouri**. We'll learn about “building our capacity” locally and statewide to do the important grassroots work needed in Missouri. **This transformative event is funded by a grant from LWVUS and local participation is important to fulfilling the grant.** Our agenda will address these important grassroots concerns for Missouri leagues:

ADVOCACY and GOTV - preparation for the grassroots work in the important build up to the November 2020 election. We'll identify the issues and priorities.

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING – how local league members and LWVMO's legislative tracking team can work together for maximum productivity in tracking.

FUNDRAISING - Amy Hjerstedt, LWVUS Fundraising Consultant/Trainer, will train members on how to raise money for the state League as well as for local Leagues. She encourages members to view five training modules on lwv.org. Select League Management and search for “Fundraising modules.”

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION – plans for improving DEI locally and statewide

LWVUS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN – announcing Missouri's participation in the just-revealed biggest national campaign undertaken by LWVUS since the 19th Amendment --to combat gerrymandering and other voter suppression efforts.



Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Broadway Christian Church, 2601 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203

RSVP to league@lwvmissouri.org by Sept. 20. No charge for the event or lunch.

Questions? Contact Evelyn Maddox at **emaddox64111** or **913-634-3976**.

Who should attend: Presidents, board members, committee/project Chairs & leads, leaders for advocacy, fundraising, and DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion), and other members who contribute to leadership in all areas of local League work.

GUN POLICY



The Metro St. Louis League board recently approved a new gun policy based on the LWVUS position. Members will have a chance to discuss and vote on adding this policy to the Metro St. Louis League's 2019-20 program:

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semiautomatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.

Adoption of the policy would allow members to advocate for changes in local gun laws to address recent gun violence.

MISSOURI BLUFFS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

On August 12, LWV board member Jennifer Rushing presented a strong statement against the proposed Missouri Bluffs development in St. Charles County on behalf of the Environmental Quality committee. The proposal to build up to 221 residences near the Katy Trail has already been rejected by the St. Charles Planning and Zoning Commission. The developer, Whittaker Builders, intends to purchase land that was gifted to the University of Missouri system to maintain it for the use and enjoyment of the people of Missouri.

The EQ committee voiced concern that the development will disrupt the delicate ecosystem and detract from the beauty of the Katy Trail. Please consider emailing members of the St. Charles County Council at <https://www.sccmo.org/1352/Council-Members> to voice support for the League's position on this issue. As of print time, the County Council had not voted.

From the statement by the Environmental Quality committee: *The League of Women Voters has been at the forefront of the environmental protection movement for decades, consistently supporting legislation to preserve our nation's natural resources and protect our public health. Following the League policy to "promote an environment beneficial to live through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest" and our Land Use Policy, we strongly oppose the proposed development on this site because it would damage the fragile terrain and decrease the experience of people using both the Katy Trail and the Busch Greenway. Storm water management is non-existent, and the grade changes and tree removal for the home sites and roads would force additional storm water into the valleys, damage trees, cause erosion and increase downstream flooding.* This last point is particularly salient in an area that's been deeply affected by flooding in Portage Des Sioux and other areas north of St. Charles.



If you are not a resident of St. Charles, you may think your opinion doesn't matter, but this is truly a Missouri issue as the land itself was intended to be preserved for the enjoyment and use of the people, not to be sold for development. The success at delaying this development is the direct result of tireless activism by the Sierra Club, concerned citizens and the League. We cannot lose focus as the council and the developer are surely hoping we will.

—Jennifer Rushing, LWV board member and St. Charles unit chair



LET THE GAMES BEGIN AT GREENTREE

The League is pleased to be part of this year's Greentree Festival at Kirkwood Park. The Centennial Committee is looking for your help to staff Booth 28 on September 14-15.

This year's Greentree theme is "Let the Board Games Begin." The League will display "Mapmaker: The Gerrymandering Game" and stress the importance of defending Amendment 1 (CLEAN Missouri) that voters approved in 2018 to block racial and partisan gerrymandering.

Besides having material on gerrymandering, the 2020 Census and other issues, the booth will be stocked with candy, League coloring books and Future Voter stickers. We'd like to have at least two volunteers each shift, with one focused on voter registration.

Please contact the office if you can help set up at 1 pm on Friday, September 13, or work a shift on September 14 or 15. The hours are from 9 am-7 pm on Saturday and 10 am-5 pm on Sunday.

THE BATTLE CONTINUES—NPV REVISITED IN COLORADO

The League of Women Voters of Colorado and partners successfully lobbied the state legislature to pass the National Popular Vote bill this year. The euphoria was short lived. No sooner than the governor signed the bill into law than opponents sought petition signatures to undo the law. Now a campaign is underway to deny the vote at the polls.

An advocacy group meets by conference call convened by the national Grassroots Director of the National Popular Vote organization. Training sessions discussed the best way to talk about the NPV. For example, avoid calling our efforts a "compact" and refer to it as a "bill," because opponents are wary that a compact is unconstitutional. Another example is to say "in all fifty states" rather than "nationwide" because it is clearer. There is a lot to unlearn.

Our committee is meeting with groups around the state and forming a list of individuals and organizations willing to have their names listed as supporters to spread our message.

—Sydell Shayer, chair, NPV committee

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.

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!

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IN LATE SEPTEMBER



Registering New Citizens

Judith Smart (above) and Carol Frohlichstein (below) register new citizens to vote at recent naturalization ceremonies at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse downtown. Contact Catherine Stenger if you could help with this effort on Fridays from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The Metro St. Louis League received a grant from LWVUS to engage new Americans in the electoral process at in-person naturalization ceremonies and work to mitigate the widespread voting disparities among Latino and other new citizen communities.

The League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis is planning a massive voter registration effort, with volunteers at dozens of area libraries from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, September 28.

As part of National Voter Registration Day, volunteers from the League will help area residents register to vote, update their address or change their name. Sites include all county and consortium libraries in St. Louis, a majority of libraries in St. Louis City and St. Charles County, and several libraries in neighboring counties.

“Voting is an important right,” says Catherine Stenger, the League’s voter registration chair. “The League wants to make sure every citizen in Missouri is able to vote in 2020 elections.”

If you are not a trained registrar or just want to brush up on your skills, the next voter registration training in the office is 10 am on Saturday, September 7. For more information, contact Catherine Stenger at catherinestenger@yahoo.com or 636-532-0473 .



The LWVMO calendar is now available for \$7 in the office and online at lwvmissouri.org.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS

Are you ready to celebrate the League's Centennial? We have many dates to celebrate. The state League formed October 16-18, 1919. A month later, the St. Louis Suffrage Association became the League of Women Voters of St. Louis. The national League formally organized on February 14, 1920.

The big event for the St. Louis League is Wednesday, November 13, the actual date this League was founded. We'll be honoring more than a dozen local League leaders, including Agnes Garino, Judith Arnold, Brenda Banjak, Deborah Waite Howard, Carol Portman, Sydell Shayer and K Wentzien. We're holding the Centennial Banquet at the Sheldon Concert Hall since the League's founders and other suffragists used to meet in the Sheldon library (now the Green Room). This replaces the Theater Party for 2019.

The Ethical Society met at the Sheldon and Ernest Hemingway appeared on the Sheldon stage. I find it fascinating that his third wife was Martha Gellhorn, a war correspondent and the daughter of Edna Gellhorn, LWVMO's first president.

Missouri at one time had 120 local Leagues. While we're down to eight, LWV of Metro St. Louis covers St. Louis City and County, as well as St. Charles, Franklin, Lincoln, Jefferson and Warren counties. Other local Leagues also cover multiple counties. It's awesome to see new Leagues forming in the Branson and Joplin areas.

LWVMO is becoming more active under the leadership of Evelyn Maddox from Kansas City. If you're not volunteering at a library on Sept. 28, consider going to Columbia to attend the state's fall planning conference (see story on page 6).

LWVUS just launched several new initiatives, including a People Powered Fair Maps campaign to fight partisan gerrymandering in all 50 states, a She Is Me digital campaign to mark the League's 100th Anniversary, and a revamp of the VOTE411.org website.

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Meet the new leaders who are shaping the future of voting reform by fighting gerrymandering, disenfranchisement and voter suppression. #SheIsMeLWV



Louise Wilkerson, Barbara Harris and Agnes Garino toured The Sheldon recently where we're hosting a banquet on November 13, the 100th Anniversary of the St. Louis League. The sign by the front entrance notes "The League of Women Voters was founded in The Sheldon's Green Room."



LEAGUE HISTORY & FASHIONS:

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 (pictured below with Rebecca Now). Burgdorf uses the pen name Nicole Evelina for her "stories of strong women from history and today."

We live in the digital era of social media and technology, Netflix and hashtags. Just like its technology, this decade's fashion is different than so many before it. ... Now we come to our chapter and state meetings wearing whatever we like, reimagining styles from past decades with a contemporary twist. ...

Nearly one hundred years after the League was founded, we're still staying true to our original purpose by registering voters and supporting election reform, early voting and absentee voting. In 2012, we co-sponsored candidate forums at the Missouri Black Expo ahead of the election and defeated the voter ID law in 2014, as well as on appeal in 2018. As we've done since 1961, we're fighting for the future of our planet as part of the Missouri Clean Energy Coalition and supporting the CLEAN Missouri and Raise Up Missouri campaigns.



In 2016, we began our look back at our history with our Celebrate the Vote event to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the 1916 Golden Lane silent protest because both major parties refused to address women's suffrage in an

election year. We continue commemorating our history this year and will join with the nation in the centennial celebrations of the 19th Amendment next year.

As we peer into the next decade, we're facing issues heretofore unimaginable, such as voter influencing on social media and election hacking by foreign powers. But we will conquer them just as we have economic depression, war and a host of social ills: with determination, non-partisan study, forward-thinking attitudes and indomitable fashion sense, ready to inform the citizens of Missouri of the issues as they arise. Carrie Chapman Catt formed our organization out of concern for female voters and over the last one hundred years, these have evolved to include the concerns of all voters. She would be proud of what we accomplished, yet at the same time urge us on to even greater success.

As we begin our next century, let us keep Carrie Chapman Catt's advice in mind: **"To the wrongs that need resistance, to the right that needs assistance, to the future in the distance, give yourselves."**

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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Membership chair Angie Dunlap gave an overview of the League to about 25 new members at a recent orientation. Various committees, coalitions, town halls and policy ideas were explained as the group enjoyed salad and light refreshments. Pictured at left are Janet King and Lynn Burkhart.



SUPPORTING FAMILIES SEEKING ASYLUM

Helping families at the border was the focus of an August 15 *Lunch & Learn*. St. Louis resident Angie O'Gorman shared her experience helping immigrants in El Paso who are seeking asylum. She encouraged attendees to support Casa Romero, a shelter for families newly released by U.S. Customs and Immigration (ICE). To help, contact Annunciation House at 915/545-4509.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS DUE

The LWVSTL membership for the year runs from April 2019 to March 2020. To be included in our October membership directory, we need your payment by September 23. Funds from dues help our St. Louis League achieve its mission to educate and empower voters. If you are unsure of your membership status, you can call the League office, or ask membership chair Angie Dunlap at the September 19 Fall Kickoff. We will be accepting dues at that meeting.

Yearly dues are \$75 for an individual or \$105 for a two-person household. Dues can be paid by going to lwwstl.org. You can also stop by or mail your payment to the office at 8706 Manchester Rd., Suite 104, 63144-2733. Thank you for your support.

Answer your questions on our website!

- Can I get League voter registration at our event?
- Can I get a League speaker to our meeting?
- Can I get the League to moderate a candidate forum?
- Am I registered to vote?
- Who are my elected officials?
- When is the next election?
- How can I get a form to vote absentee by mail?
- Can I get voter reminders?



Go to LWVSTL.org for the answers. :)

LWVSTL.ORG NEEDS YOU!

The LWVSTL current website platform will be ending next June and we need to pick a new platform. The current web site at lwwstl.org uses the EZ Web system from the California League that is being replaced by MyLO. The state web site at lwwmissouri.org uses WordPress.

Please let us know if you have any experience in website platform choices or web site design and could be of assistance. Contact the office or email Angie Dunlap at aok2bfast@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We appreciate the many volunteers who help the League meet our mission of educating and empowering voters. Thanks this month to Alfrieda Anderson, Connie Anthony, Mary Archer, Liz Aurbach, Nicki Batchelor, Cindy Bausola, Julie Behrens, Carole Bendet, Cynthia Biehle, Annetta Booth, Lucy Brennan, Stefany Brot, Kathy Brown, Mary Brown, Nicole Burgdorf, Sharon Campione, Christine Capstick, Pam Carmell, Marilyn Chambers, Becky Clausen, Karen Cloyd, Carrie Crompton, Mickey Croyle, Don & Gail Crozier, Jill Davis, Katie Dionne, Angie Dunlap, Christine Eason, Barb Ehnes, Joan Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Linda Fiehler, Susan Fluegel, Cynthia and Patrick Fox, Cathy Frohlichstein, Gloria Garidel, Agnes Garino, Yvette Goods, Margaret Gray, Anne Handley-Fierce, 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, Kelly Kress, Meredith Langlitz, Ruth Lee, Mary Leopold, Dorothy Lockard, Christy Marshall, Linda McDaniel, Harry Meyer, Kay Meyer, Mary Ann Meyer, Cynthia Miller, Nancy Miller, Barbara Mitchell, Cindy Mitchell, Gretchen Moser, Susan Murray, Rebecca Now, Jitka Olander, Eileen Pacino, Joyce Patton, Nancy Pawol, Carol Portman, Nancy Price, Jitka Olander, Kathy Quinn, Kathe Quigley, Peggy Robb, Cheryl Roland, Ann Ross, Irma Ruebling, Jennifer Rushing, Anne Sappington, Joe Schartz, Yvonne Schlote, Jo Seltzer, Molly Shaller, Sydell Shayer, Becky Shimony, Judith Smart, Steve Smith, Laura Staley, Catherine Stenger, Carol Strawbridge, Claire Stolz, Beth Sturgeon, Elaine Sweeney, Penney Thomas, Pam Todorovich, Sabrina Tyuse, Sharon Wells, Louise Wilkerson, Sue Williams, Cindy Wunderlich, Macon Wurthmann, Iva Youkilis and Rafia Zafar.

Please contact Barbara Harris at volunteer@LWVstl.org if you have time to volunteer in the office. Look for the yellow sign-in sheet on a clipboard by the front desk that we use to track our volunteers' hours. Let us know if we missed your name and we will thank you in the next newsletter.



League members from across the state participated in a parade in Sedalia on the opening day of the Missouri State Fair.

UNIT MEETINGS

Topics: Unit Choice

Chesterfield/Creve Coeur: Thursday, September 12. 9:30-11 am. Sydell Shayer's home at 709 Champeix Ln., Creve Coeur. Contact: Eve Golden, 314-469-9985 or j.golden@sbcglobal.net

North County: Tuesday, September 10. 5 to 7 pm. St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley (Room 3), 195 New Florissant Rd. South. Contact Louise Wilkerson, 314-438-8005 or louisew@scglobal.net

St. Charles: Thursday, September 12. 6:30 pm. St. Charles Justice Center, 1781 Zumbuhl Rd. Contact Jennifer Rushing, jrush1120@live.com

St. Louis City: Saturday, September 14. 10:30 am. Trinity Episcopal Church, Euclid & Washington. Contact Kathleen Farrell, 314-773-2876 or kathleenfarrell@earthlink.net

South County: Wednesday, September 11. 6:30 pm. Concord Trinity United Methodist Church, 5275 S. Lindbergh. Program: Practicing Engaging Policymakers. Contact Angie Dunlap, 636-368-6846 or aok2bfast@hotmail.com

University City/Clayton Unit: Monday, September 23, 6:30 pm. University City Library conference room. Contact Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or njsmill@gmail.com.

Webster/Kirkwood: Wednesday, September 11. 9:30 am. First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 W. Lockwood. Program: Low-income housing. Contact K Wentzien, 314-961-0894 (home), 314-805-6950 (cell) or suitsme.prodigy.net

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most meetings are held at the League office, 8706 Manchester Rd., Suite 104, in Brentwood.

Centennial: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 4 pm. Contact: Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or njsmill@yahoo.com

Early Voting: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2 pm. Contact Joan Hubbard, 314-753-0689 or joanhubbard@prodigy.net

Education: Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 am. Contact Nancy Miller, 314-961-6869 or njsmill@gmail.com

Environmental Quality: Thursday, October 24, 4:30-5:30 pm. League office. Contact: Mickey Croyle, 314-395-7876 or erwincroyle@charter.net

Health Care: Tuesday, September 17, 5:30-7 pm. Contact: Irma Ruebling, 314-330-9063 or irma.ruebling@slu.edu

National Popular Vote: Wednesday September 4, 2019 at 1:30 pm. * 709 Champeix Ln., Creve Coeur. Contact: Sydell Shayer, 314-434-5116 or slshayer@gmail.com

Policing Committee: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2-3:30 pm. Contact: Mary Leopold, 314-991-5958 or mary.muldoon.leopold@gmail.com

City-County Governance Study Group: Monday, Sept. 16, 6 pm. Contact: Debby Howard, 314-434-3073 or jackhowe@swbell.net



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2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11	Training for petition advocacy for Medicaid expansion bill, 6 pm, League office
Sept. 12	Training for petition advocacy for Medicaid expansion bill, 1 pm, League office
Sept. 13-15	Kirkwood Greentree Festival, Kirkwood Park
Sept. 17	Film <i>Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook</i> , 2:30 pm, St. Charles Community College’s Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building
Sept. 16	Ethics in St. Louis and Missouri Government Town Hall, 6:30-8 pm, Kol Rinah auditorium, 829 Hanley Road
Sept. 19	Fall Kickoff Event/General Meeting, 6:30-8:30 pm. Clayton Community Center, 50 Gay Ave. Quorum of members must vote on gun policy.
Sept. 28	Library Day, registering voters at area libraries from 10 am to 2 pm.
Sept. 28	LWVMO Planning Conference—Making Democracy Work in Missouri, 9:30 am—4 pm. Broadway Christian Church, 2601 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO
Oct. 16-18	Centennial of Missouri League of Women Voters
Nov. 2	LWVMO Fall Workshop, State Fair Community College, Sedalia
Nov. 13	Centennial of St. Louis League—Banquet at the Sheldon Concert Hall. 6 pm.