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## LWVMO 64<sup>th</sup> State Convention *2nd Call to Convention* May 3-4, 2019

At the Drury Inn - Brentwood, MO

*The Metro St. Louis invites you to meet us in St. Louis*

**Friday, May 3: State Board Meeting**

**Friday, May 3: 64th LWVMO State Convention**

Registration opens at 1:30 pm

Convention starts at 2

Dessert and parade of period costumes by the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis—7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4: 64th LWVMO State Convention**

Registration opens at 8:30

Call to order at 9

### **Convention Guest Speaker: Amber McReynolds**

Amber McReynolds is a national leader in effective and innovative practices that increases the security, convenience and efficiency of elections. The former director of elections for Denver, she is now the Executive Director for the National Vote at Home Institute and serves as senior strategic adviser on various election-focused projects across the country.

She will share how pro-voter policies, voter-centric processes, and technical innovations can improve the voting experience. Amber has degrees from the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. *Governing Magazine* recognized her as a 2018 Top Public Official of the Year.



### **Convention Hotel Accommodations**

Drury Inn & Suites, 8700 Eager Rd, Brentwood MO. Call 314-968-3704 and mention group 2351722 by April 1 for rate of \$139 (plus tax) for room with a king bed or two queen beds. Enjoy free parking, free hot breakfast, and happy hour from 5:30 to 7 with hot food and cold drinks.

## Executive Director Reflections

2019 is looking to be an exciting year as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWV of Missouri and look forward to the centennial of women's suffrage in August 2019. Many photos and great history are included in the League archives stored at the University of Missouri St. Louis.



I thought of the long struggle for the Equal Rights Amendment as well as suffrage as I read the planks of the Democratic and Republican parties in Missouri in 1918. The Democratic platform said, "We advocate the enfranchisement of women by the amendment to the Federal Constitution now pending before Congress; firstly, because the President has urged this as a necessary war measure; secondly, because the enfranchisement of women is simple democratic justice to women. ..."

The Republican platform also favored suffrage, saying it was not only a "matter of abstract right, but in recognition as well of the heroic self-sacrifice and wonderful efficiency of American womanhood in this war."

— Jean Dugan, Executive Director



*Julie Behrens*

### Julie Behrens Long-time staff person to retire soon

Julie Behrens will retire at the end of February. She has worked in the League office since April 1983. She is a Jill-of-all-trades who has been a great asset to the League. Our members and past leaders will miss her friendly voice, her "corporate" knowledge and her gentle wit.

You are invited to a retirement party to celebrate her many years of service, and to wish her well in her retirement, on Thursday, February 28, from 11:30 am to 2 pm. in the League office in St. Louis.

The Joint Office interviewed candidates for the revised Office Assistant position on Feb. 8, but we know that no one can replace Julie.

## Recent Education Fund Contributions Received

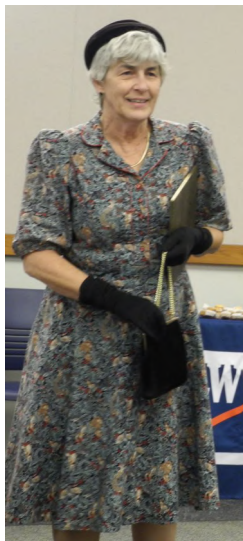
Three members contributed a total of \$235 for LWV of Columbia-Boone County. A non-member donated \$100 earmarked for LWV of Southwest Missouri.

Contributions from members and friends are always welcome. You can send a tax-deductible donation to: LWVMO, 8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104, St. Louis, MO 63144.

*Your donation will be much appreciated!*

Hello from a very cold and ice-covered mid-Missouri,

I am getting more excited about the LWVMO Convention with each email I get from the committee. There are going to be some really fun and educational things going on. I know I intend to get to St. Louis a day early to go on the Bellefontaine Cemetery tour to see where many of the big names of Missouri's suffrage movement are buried. The St. Louis team has done a great job of getting everything set up with the Drury Inn, one of my favorite places to stay. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible, both for the hotel and for the convention.



The winning poster from our recent contest has been sent to all the high schools in the state, and we are getting responses back. The counselors love it, and a couple have asked for more copies to spread around their buildings. One even asked about having a League member come to talk to the seniors. This is a great chance for us to build relationships with the schools and the students.

A friendly reminder of the homework that was given at the fall workshop in Sedalia; each local League is to have a presentation on someone who helped in the fight for voting rights for women. I can hardly wait to see what everyone comes up with.

The second bit of homework is to nominate someone for either the Lenore Loeb or Harriett Woods awards. I know we have so many worthy, unsung heroes that are deserving of these awards, so use the form in this newsletter to nominate someone from your area.

— Kathleen Boswell, President

## Local League Reports

### LWV-Metro St. Louis

The new year is certainly underway, coming in like a lion. Our issue committees are continuing their studies and advocacy. The Policing Committee has two new co-chairs, so they will be setting up a meeting date and time soon. Health Care, Education, Environmental Quality, Early Voting and National Popular Vote are studying, planning and advocating for their issues.

The Voters Guide is in process. Chairperson Anne Sappington has received basic information on 893 candidates in our seven-county area and is using several resources to find emails and phone numbers. Our candidate forums are also underway with 15 scheduled.

Our Amendment 1 task force is starting the push back to the Missouri legislature and governor for their non-acceptance of the Amendment 1 election results. Friday, January 17th, members and guests created signs to carry in the St Louis Women's March and they wrote postcards to legislators requesting respect for the decision of the voters. In every senatorial district in Missouri, the majority of voters approved Amendment 1 to clean up the Missouri Legislature. We need to be reminding our legislators of the votes of their constituents and reminding the voters of what their legislators think of their opinions.

Another big effort is preparing for this Centennial Year. The 100th Anniversary \$100 Club is growing in membership at 55+ right now. Events begin with the local Trivia Night fundraiser on February 15 and continue through August 2020.

—Nancy Miller, Co-president, Metro St Louis

**Lenore Loeb Sterling Achievement Award**

1. The Lenore Loeb Sterling Achievement Award is based on the League of Women Voters principles or positions at the national, state, or local levels.
2. The activity to be nominated must be initiated and completed at the local level.
3. In order to be eligible for the bi-annual award, the activity must have been completed within two years of being nominated for the award.
4. The award will be given at the League of Women Voters of Missouri State Convention.
5. The winner will be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Missouri or a committee named by the President of the League of Women Voters of Missouri and approved by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Missouri.
6. The award may be for either an action project or an education project.
7. The award may be given to an individual member of the League of Women Voters or to a League of Women Voters.

**2019 Lenore Loeb Award Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee (League or Individual): \_\_\_\_\_

If nominee is an individual:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper:

1. Give the League principle or position on which the project was based.
2. Give the time frame for the project. For the 2019 award, the project had to take place from May 2017 (the last LWVMO Convention) and be completed by January 2019.
3. Describe the project and the number of people involved in the project.
4. State the outcome of the project and its effects on the community.
5. Identify which resources were used.
6. Attach samples of publications, brochures, video tapes, news clippings, information about other publicity, etc.

**Nominations must be received by close of business March 15, 2019.**

Mail to: The Lenore Loeb Sterling Achievement Award  
League of Women Voters of Missouri  
8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104  
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## Harriett Woods Award for Exemplary Community Service

1. The Harriett Woods Award for Exemplary Community Service, hereafter known as the Award, will be presented bi-annually at the League of Women Voters of Missouri State Convention.
2. The recipient of the award will be an individual.
3. The recipient of the award will be a member of the League of Women Voters of Missouri at the time the Award was earned and received.
4. Anyone may submit a nomination.
5. Nominations must be in writing and submitted as announced on the nomination form.
6. The final decision of the recipient will be made by a committee appointed by the President of the League of Women Voters of Missouri.
7. The service or activity does not have to be a League of Women Voters' project, but must be compatible with League of Women Voters' mission and not in conflict with League of Women Voters' program positions.
8. The Criteria for the award will include, but will not be limited to:
  - a. An individual who goes beyond the normal scope of service
  - b. A service or activity that affects a large number of individuals
  - c. A service or activity that enhances a community (not necessarily a city)

### 2019 Harriett Woods Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's League: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of individual submitting the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper:

1. Describe the nominee's project/service/activity (hereafter referred to as Project).
2. State why this Project was needed.
3. State who benefited and approximately how many people benefited.
4. State, if any, the Project's long range effects on the community.

Please attach documentation, photographs, copies of awards, copies of commendations, etc.

**Nominations must be received by close of business March 15, 2019.**

Mail to:           The Harriett Woods Award Nomination  
                       League of Women Voters of Missouri  
                       8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104  
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**2019 CALENDAR**

**March 15:** LWVMO Board Meeting – Springfield

**March 29:** Centennial of Missouri law on women's suffrage

**May 4-5:** Board Meeting and LWVMO State Convention, St. Louis

**June 5:** Centennial of Congress passing the 19th Amendment

**July 3:** Centennial of Missouri ratification of the 19th Amendment

**Oct. 16-18:** Centennial of Missouri League of Women Voters

**Nov. 13:** Centennial of St. Louis League

**Take Action: End the Influence of Big Money**

The League supports the first democracy reform legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress, HR1. The For the People Act will modernize our election system, reform redistricting, and restore the Voting Rights Act. We need your help to ensure that a key provision reducing the undue influence of Big Money in our politics is also included. Contact your Representative and ask that a small donor public financing system is included as a priority in HR1.

Go to <https://lwvmissouri.org/elected-officials> for contact information for all elected officials.

**Upcoming Lobby Days by Various Interest Groups**

- ★ Feb. 13 is a Healthcare Lobby Day (see [www.MissouriHealthcareforAll.org](http://www.MissouriHealthcareforAll.org) for information). Similar lobby days are set for April 2 and May 1.
- ★ Feb. 19 is Advocacy Day for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America at the Doubletree.
- ★ March 10 is the Missouri NOW (National Organization of Women) State Council at the Missouri River Regional Library, 213 Adams Street in Jefferson City.
- ★ April 16 is Equity Action Day for the Missouri Women's Network.



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