



**IN LEAGUE REPORTER**  
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**From the President:**

Dear Members and Friends,

Since the election, people have been saying to me “Can you relax now?” Ha! As if we go into hibernation for the next four years---or three years, as the case may be. Elections may come and go but understanding the issues is a never-ending challenge.

Of course, the first order of post-election business is to thank all the people who have worked so hard on our voter service projects: Smart Voter and the Voters’ Guide, voter registration, candidate forums, and the office volunteers and staff. It involved a lot of learning, organizing and problem solving. A heart-felt thank you to all the dedicated souls who contributed their time and effort.

One outcome of our activities has been an increase in membership---we have 20 new members. Patti Walley, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and membership chair, is planning a new member reception in January. However, it is up to us to let them know that they are welcome and help them find their niche in the League where they can enrich their interests and talents.

I hope your holidays abound in love, companionship and good will to all. I suggest starting it off at the Holiday luncheon on December 6. See you there then.

Sincerely,

*Doris Buzzell*

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**CALENDAR**

Sat.	Dec. 6	11:30 AM	Holiday Luncheon	pg 6	The Viking.
Wed.	Dec. 10	7:00 PM	Human Rights Celebration	pg 10	Missouri History Museum
Fri.	Dec. 12	11:30 AM	International Relations Committee	pg 3	House of India
Sat.	Dec. 13	10:30 AM	St. Louis Unit	pg 2	Trinity Church
Sat.	Jan. 17	9:30 AM	Education Committee	pg 3	League Office

Call Office for December Holiday Hours.

## ST. LOUIS CITY UNIT

Saturday, 13 10:30 AM  
10:30 a.m.

Topic: "Special Post-Election Discussion":

Corner of Euclid and Washington, one block east of Kingshighway, one block south of Delmar

TRINITY CHURCH

Euclid and Washington

Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert

314-773-8719

Assistant Chief of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Steve Pollihan, spoke to the City Unit at its November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. He talked about the challenge of youth crime in St. Louis and answered questions for 45 minutes after his presentation. A number of us expressed interest in visiting the Juvenile Detention Center sometime in the spring. We will keep everyone posted. We had a very good group and had to set out more chairs to accommodate our growing attendance. We were glad to have Doris Buzzell and Marj Courtney join us.

**All are welcome to join us at our special December 13<sup>th</sup> event from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Kathleen Kelly is going to lead a special post-election discussion of what election reforms are needed and what the role of the League should be. We will be having a pot-luck holiday season brunch. COME JOIN US IN THE CITY!**

Call Betty Ann Gilbert at 773-8719 or Kathleen Farrell at 773-2876 for more information or transportation assistance.

*Kathleen Farrell*

## No Other Units are Meeting in December

Report of Chesterfield/Creve Coeur Unit

We had a double header this month. Mike Zeek, a Maryland Heights city planner discussed city planning in general with emphasis on the area surrounding Creve Coeur Park. One of the significant points he made was about the role of the city planner. A city planner evaluates a development proposal taking into account the city ordinances, planning and zoning codes and the comprehensive plan. Then the staff recommends that the plan be accepted or rejected based on whether it meets the objective land use and other criteria of the city. It is up to, first the planning and zoning committee, an appointed body, to add its own findings and make a recommendation to the City Council. The Council, an elected body makes the final decision.

Jill Schupp, representative elect of the 82<sup>nd</sup> district and her campaign manager, Dianne Modrell devoted the second half of the unit meeting to "An Anatomy of an Election." It was mind boggling just listening to the very lengthy list of what goes into running a successful campaign. Although all the components are important, the one she believes was overriding, was connecting with voters. She did this many ways, but the most effective was knocking on doors and speaking personally with potential voters. Jill with the help of volunteers, knocked on 15,000 doors, going to some voters twice.

League members were particularly reception to Jill and Dianne's presentation because both of them are League members and are regular attendees of the Chesterfield/Creve Coeur unit.

Mike Zeek, the city planner chose to stay for Jill and Dianne's talk. And never losing an opportunity to increase League membership, he agreed to our sending his wife a League prospect packet.

*Sydell Shayer*

## **Executive Director's Message**

*Pearlina Boyd*

Dear Members and Friends:

We successfully made it through the election season! As many of you know, this election season was my first election experience with the League. I want to formally thank the Voter Service Team and all of the members who took time out of their personal schedules to come into the office to make our voter service projects a success.

Your hard work, dedication and support were greatly appreciated, as it was an integral component in the overall production of the 2008 General Election Printed Voters Guide. In addition, I want to thank our Smart Voter webmaster, Mickey Croyle for her support as well for being instrumental in maintaining the **smartvoter.org** website with up-to-date election information.

As we look forward to the next year, I want you to be the first to know that the office has new, ambitious goals for the League in the New Year! I want to hear about your new ideas and goals for the League for the New Year. Finally, please let us know how the office can serve as a resource for your unit meetings, committees, and programs.

Best wishes to all for a safe and joyous holiday season!



## **THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

We plan to have our annual December sampling of foreign food on December 12 instead of the regular meeting, and we are inviting all League members, spouses, and friends to join us. Since we are studying Pakistan we thought a trip to a restaurant specializing in food of the Indian subcontinent would be called for. We plan to go to the House of India, 8501 Delmar, west of Kingshighway, for their lunch buffet at 11:30. Please call me at 314-846-5927 if you can join us so that I can give the restaurant an approximate number. We have no particular program planned – just dining out and socializing which the IR group always enjoys.

*Judith Smart, IR Chair*



## **Education Committee**

The League of Women Voters Education Committee will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 17, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the League office. We will have a speaker from MNEA, Ann Jarret, who will discuss the support programs they offer new teachers.

*Georgia Archibald*

## Environmental Quality Committee

### The River Des Peres

*A Sewer Runs Through It* is a new DVD that has been developed by the Higher Education Channel (HEC-TV) and the Commission for Access and Local Option Programming (CALOP) presenting the history, current status and prospects for the River Des Peres. John Goodman narrates this informative and entertaining look at the long and disturbing story of the river which impacts so much of our community. The film will be airing on the HEC-TV and will be available for checkout at the University City Public Library. Copies are also available for purchase.

### The League Takes Action

The League of Women Voters of Missouri support of Proposition C, the Renewable Energy Standard Initiative on the November 2008 ballot demonstrates how League positions are utilized. LWVMO endorsement of Proposition C was based on the LWVUS national energy and environmental positions. Many League members collected signatures to place this Proposition on the ballot. This Proposition passed with 66% Yes Votes!

### To Help Our Planet

A growing problem in our lakes and streams is the presence of pharmaceuticals. These include prescription and non-prescription medicines, veterinary medicines and other personal use products. A great deal of research is being done on the effects of the ingredients in these medicines on marine life and ultimately on humans. The amounts in our water system at present are small but there is concern that the concentrations are increasing and that the cumulative effects are unknown. Two of the areas being studied are the development of bacteria resistant to antibiotics and the interference with the reproduction and growth of marine animals. For years we have been flushing unused or expired prescription and non-prescription medications down the drain or throwing them, intact, into the trash. These are not acceptable methods of disposal since present sewage and water treatment facilities are not able to completely deal with the substances. The best method of disposing of medicines is through a special disposal program. We have had such a program through St. Louis Archs and Schnucks stores but it is ending shortly. Federal guidelines for proper home disposal are:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and throw them in the trash.
- Mixing prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and putting them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, will further ensure the drugs are not diverted.
- Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so.

Additional suggestions include adding a small amount of water to the medication before putting it in a plastic bag with the coffee grounds and removing all identification from the original prescription container before recycling.

*Nancy Bowser, Chair*



## Observer Corps

With the busy election season behind us, we are looking for members who are interested in observing meetings of cities, school districts, transportation districts or the county. Training would be available. Bulletin space would be available for reports to members. It is a great way to be involved in your community and perhaps make a positive difference. Let me know your interests.

*Enid Tennenbaum, Programming Vice President*

## Health Care Committee



There will be no meeting of the Health Care Committee in December. My understanding is that the League Holiday party on Dec 6 may take the place of the committee meeting in December if that is agreeable to committee members. At the Unit meeting on November 12th, Esther Clark gave a comprehensive talk on comparative health care plans. (Ours and other industrial countries) and our unfavorable position. This is a priority issue in our society and we will explore various universal health care plans are being proposed to meet the need in our country. Our next meeting will be in January. (See January newsletter for date). If you would like to be a part of this group call Katharine Kilpatric at 636-861-7148.

*Katharine Kilpatric*



### **Holiday Luncheon, December 6 with Steve Kidwell, Ameren UE - speaker**

Make your plans now to attend the LWV St. Louis annual Holiday Luncheon on December 6 at The Viking Restaurant in Sunset Hills. Lunch is scheduled at noon, gathering at 11:30 a.m. Speaker is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Our speaker is Steve Kidwell, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs for Ameren UE. Steve was appointed to this new position at AmerenUE in October of 2007. He is responsible for executive leadership in all AmerenUE matters before the Missouri Public Service Commission. In addition, Steve is leading development of AmerenUE's new customer-focused energy efficiency initiatives, which are among the most ambitious in the country.

Steve has been with Ameren for 21 years. Previous areas of responsibility include corporate strategic planning, business performance management, electric transmission & distribution, energy marketing, key account management, business development, market research, load research & forecasting, and generation planning.

Steve holds MS degrees in both Nuclear Engineering and Energy Analysis & Policy from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, and a BS in Physics from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. Steve currently serves on the Missouri Botanical Garden's Sustainability Committee, assisting the Board in implementing the Garden's strategic plan. He is also a member of the Edison Electric Institute's Rates and Regulatory Affairs Committee, as well as the Association of Energy Services Professionals.

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### **Working Inside the Polls**

The League of Women Voters was formed to educate the public about voting. Taking that thought a step further a number of members choose to encounter a minimum of a 15 hour day and work for the Board of Elections on Election Days. Yes, there is some pay...starting at \$100.00 (is that minimum pay?). The reward is helping and educating voters how to vote...isn't that LWV. Working inside the polls or as roving deputies on November 4 were Billie Tebeau, Joe Kleeman, Rea Kleeman, K Wentzien, Judith Smart, Susan Fluegel, Esther Clark, Jim Clark and Carol Portman. In the past Pam Todorovich has been behind the tables at the polls. Effort was made to find everyone who works inside the polls...if we missed anyone we are sorry. Of course LWV members work outside the polls electioneering for candidates and causes; set up the Smart Voter web site; answer the LWV phone and put together the Voters Guide. Just thought it was time to recognize another group of LWV members...those who work inside the polls.

*Carol Portman*



# LWV ST. LOUIS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

Time: 11:30 gathering  
12:00 lunch  
1:00 speaker

Location: The Viking  
(Holiday Inn Southwest & Viking Conference Center)  
10709 Watson Rd. St. Louis MO 63127

Speaker: Steve Kidwell, Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs, Ameren UE

Topic: Alternative Energy in Missouri

Lunch selection:

Grilled Chicken Caesar salad  
with soup du jour & dessert  
\$16.50

or

Grilled rib eye steak w/ mushrooms & onions  
with steak fries, house salad & dessert  
\$18.50

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Please return this form by December 2 with payment.

Mail to LWV St. Louis 8706 Manchester Ste. 104 St. Louis MO 63144

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled chicken Caesar salad lunch \_\_\_\_ @ \$16.50 each \_\_\_\_ total

Grilled rib eye on French bread \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.50 each \_\_\_\_ total

# PREVIEW: PROGRAM PLANNING: EQ POSITIONS

In January we will be doing Program Planning. Program is the League's "Reason for Being," the basis for both education and action efforts. League program consists of those governmental issues that League members choose for concerted study and action at the local, state and national levels. It includes both adopted positions, statements of where the League stands on issues of public policy that are used for action, and issues for study that will lead to a position and action.

League program originates with League members. Some ideas spring from particular interests of individual members. Some grow out of previous League work. Still others come from a review of a League's community survey or from interviews with key leaders.

Once members have been stimulated to think about the widest possible range of choices, the League collects the members' ideas as presented at biennial program planning meetings. On a local, state or national level the procedure is the same. The Board of Directors reviews the suggestions from the planning meetings, evaluates and coordinates them with the rest of the League's projects and then recommends the program, as either recommended or non-recommended study items, to the members at their local annual meeting, state or national convention. It is the **consensus statement** -- the statement resulting from the consensus questions -- that becomes a position. Firm action or advocacy can then be taken on the particular issue addressed by the position. Without a position, action/advocacy cannot be taken.

The League program process begins with selection and adoption, continues with study and discussion, followed by consensus/concurrence, and culminates in action and change. The League can only lobby and take action on program issues which the membership has voted to study, has discussed and come to consensus to adopt as a basis for action. The League has positions at the local, state, and national levels. Our program is the total of our positions at all levels.

Program, a three-part process that is core to League's mission, is composed of *program planning, study and consensus, and advocacy*. While it is extremely important for *every* League to hold a Program Planning meeting to discuss possible issues for study at the national, state or local level. Members evaluate possible issues by asking, for example:

- Is there widespread member interest?
- Is this a timely issue?
- Is government action the most effective way to address the problem?

Both the LWV Missouri and LWV Saint Louis have taken positions on Environmental Issues. The positions are stated here for review. If you remember taking action using any of the Natural Resource/EQ positions please email Nancy Bowser or call the LWV STL office so that we can develop a better history. Most recently, during the Nov 2008 Election, the LWV Missouri supported Proposition C using the LWVUS national energy and environmental positions.

*Mickey Croyle*  
Environmental Quality Committee

## LWV MO Natural Resource Positions

**Hazardous and Solid Waste:** Support of strong provisions to fulfill state and local government's responsibility for hazardous and solid waste management.

**Land Use and Growth Management:** Support for the adoption and implementation of long range land use plans and regulations by state, county and municipal governments.

**Water:** Support of a comprehensive water policy for Missouri, one that includes the public trust doctrine.

## LWV Saint Louis Environmental Quality Positions

### Air Quality:

- Support of improved air quality and an interstate regional approach to solve air pollution problems.
- Support of emission standards for air pollutants as a means of improving the air quality of the metropolitan area by providing standards which can be legally enforced on the individual polluter.
- Support of national industrial emission standards, with any region retaining the right to establish more stringent standards.
- Support a mandatory emergency plan for protection of the health and welfare of the community when a high air pollution potential exists in the area and pollution reaches a dangerous level.
- Support for the authorization of a single regional agency to set and enforce standards to control air pollution in the St. Louis air quality region.

**Land Use:** Support for the adoption and management by county and municipal governments of land use plans which incorporate a sound policy development based upon the goals, needs and resources of those communities and provide for citizen input.

**Solid Waste:** Support of planning for the proper management and disposal of solid waste.

**Water Quality:** Support of improved water quality with emphasis on the Metropolitan Sewer District and improved communications between MSD and the citizens.

**Transit:** Support a public mass transit system that meets the needs of the community, and as an alternative to the automobile, with emphasis on a fully representative governing board and adequate financing from federal, state and local levels, with all local half-cent transportation sales tax going to Metro.

## THE DEATH PENALTY

As you know the League is opposed to the death penalty. Last year we supported legislation for a moratorium and study on the death penalty. There are many opportunities for action on this issue.

Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty (MADP) is the lead anti-death penalty organization in Missouri. As with the League, legislators are impressed with the number of members an organization has. The MADP has a campaign to increase its membership, especially prior to the legislative session. League members and their friends can make a significant difference in this year's moratorium campaign by becoming a member of MADP.

Unlike other organizations, membership in Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty has only one requirement. Just sign the following form and send it back to me. You will not get a renewal notice, nor will you have to pay dues, nor will you have to make any commitment. You will probably receive a communication occasionally. But like other organizations you may make a contribution if you choose. The organization's goal is to get 150 new members by December 31, 2008.

You can speed up the realization of a Moratorium on the Death Penalty by joining MADP today. Send to Sydell Shayer, 709 Champeix Lane, St. Louis, MO 63141  
Or e-mail to SLSHAY@sbcglobal.net

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Yes, I want to join Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty – Not one more execution in my name!

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\*MADP does not rent, sell or trade its mailing list.

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## No Cost Fundraising Opportunity Attention *Schnucks* Shoppers

*Schnucks* will donate up to 3% of your purchases to the League's Information Service. (LWVIS)

### It's as easy as 1 2 3

1. Pick up a *Schnucks* eScrip card at the customer service counter.
2. Activate the card by calling 800-931-6258. Say your charity is the LWVIS, Group # 500015391 or go to [www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp) and follow instructions.
3. Present your card to the cashier for scanning every time you shop at *Schnucks*.

*The League benefits and it costs you nothing. Support the League and take advantage of your holiday shopping needs by using eScrip!*

\*\*\*Thirty League members are participating in this no cost fundraiser. We hope you will add your name to this list. We receive a check monthly and it requires no soliciting. There is no easier way for you to help the League budget. Join today.

## **WINTER WONDERLAND**

Once again we have been chosen by the St. Louis County Parks to participate in Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park. We will work the evening of December 12 from 5:00 to 10:00 collecting money as cars drive through the display.

We will have 2 shifts: **5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** and **7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

We must have 4 people working at all times. There is a warm-up room where you can warm-up your fingers and toes. Please call Barbara Elbrecht at 314-962-2821 and let her know when you can help. It's a lot of fun and you get to drive through the display free AND the League receives a check for \$500.00.

*Barbara Elbrecht*

## **SPEAKERS BUREAU**

Our election year tally is in: for just Sept., Oct., and Nov., we received **34** requests for speakers! In addition to those listed in the Nov. ILR, two more members (NANCY MILLER and CAROL TEIG) spoke to groups on Oct. 30 and Nov. 2. And for the entire 2008 year, the Speakers Bureau handled 49 requests and reached over 1500 voters *plus* radio interviews that reached many more. Thanks are due to all our outstanding League members who went out to serve our Information Service goals.

*Marjorie Courtney, Coordinator*

## **TELEPHONE VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to all the dedicated Leaguers many who answered the phones starting in September and who worked weekly during October & November fielding over 2100 calls from the community during the busy election year. Much thanks to: Barbara Behiter, Betty Ann Gilbert, Nancy Bowser, Mary Beth Reynolds, Esther Clark, Kathy Maret, Jean Srenco, Susan Fluegel, Mary Parker, Mary Brown, Patti Walley, Becky Clausen, Marj Courtney, Debby Howard, Mickey Hall, Herb Nickels, Brenda Banjak, Doris Buzzell, and Sue Dellbringge (If you worked and your name is not listed it was an oversight). A job well done by all!

*Julie Behrens and Pearlina Boyd*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Once again this year, the League has been invited to participate at The Loop Ice Carnival in University City from 10am-6pm on Saturday, January 17, 2009. We are looking for volunteers to work that day for either 2 or 4 hour periods. If you are able to work the Carnival please contact me either by email at [irishlass97@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irishlass97@sbcglobal.net) or by phone.

*Patti Walley*

## **HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION**

The celebration will take place at the Missouri History Museum in the Lee Auditorium on December 10 at 7 PM. A panel of experts will address issues surrounding human rights today. The program will also recognize winning essays by Metro St. Louis area students in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Human Rights Essay Contest sponsored by the St. Louis Coalition for Human Rights. Doris Buzzell will present an award.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### New Members:

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Karla Kuntze  
Phone number correction  
636-825-1447

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In honor of Arlene Nickels to LWV Information Service from PEO Chapter GB. Arlene, a member of our Speaker's Bureau spoke at a meeting in October.

In honor of Carol Portman for the many hours work she has done to LWV Information Service from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin.

In memory of Helen Silverman to LWV St. Louis from Steven & Bobbie Ohmer and Lisa Pyeatt.

### In Memoriam

Helen Silverman passed away on November 9, 2008. Helen was a veteran League member who volunteered in the office for many years answering the telephone. Helen was always a cheerful and tireless worker and she was a fun person to work with on all League projects. She will be missed.

*Julie Behrens*



## T-SHIRTS

**Great Presents for Children, Grandchildren, purchase supports the League**

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S, L

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