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**ADVOCATING FOR AMENDMENT 1 TO CLEAN UP MISSOURI POLITICS**

League leaders are advocating for redistricting reform as part of the Clean Missouri’s initiative, recently certified as Amendment 1 on the November 6 ballot.

“Amendment 1 is our chance to increase fairness, integrity and transparency in government,” said Kathleen Boswell, President of the LWV of Missouri. “Year after year, politicians are re-elected with big money, in districts drawn by politicians and party insiders. Amendment 1 limits the influence of special interests in the legislature and ensures no party is given an unfair advantage when redistricting occurs after the next census. Amendment 1 establishes clear, transparent criteria to ensure fair and competitive maps which are reviewed by a citizens’ commission.”



*St. Louis League members gathered for a news conference on the steps of city hall in August to endorse Amendment 1.*

At the St. Louis news conference, LWVMSTL Co-President Nancy Miller stressed the importance of the initiative’s legislative redistricting reforms to stop political gerrymandering. “More competition and transparency in the redistricting process will mean that more officials, of any party, will be more responsive to the needs of their entire districts,” she said. “Because the League of Women Voters believes in equal voting rights and good government for all, we are proud to endorse Amendment 1 to clean up the Missouri General Assembly.”

LWVMSTL board member Angie Dunlap said, “Amendment 1 ensures we’re able to hold legislators accountable when they fail to act in the public interest. This constitutional amendment will take power away from special interests and give it back to the people.”

Amendment 1 will accomplish the following:

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- ★ Lower campaign contribution limits for state legislative candidates
- ★ Eliminate almost all lobbyist gifts in the General Assembly
- ★ Require that legislative records be open to the public
- ★ Require politicians to wait two years before becoming lobbyists
- ★ Ensure that neither political party is given an unfair advantage when new maps are drawn after the next census, by asking a nonpartisan expert to draw fair legislative district maps which would be reviewed by a citizen commission for fairness and competitiveness

League members from across the state also packed a Cole County courtroom to support Amendment 1 at an Aug. 31 hearing. The judge promised to issue his decision soon.

For more details on this initiative, go to [www.cleanmissouri.org](http://www.cleanmissouri.org).

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## VOTER REGISTRATION AND THEN SOME . . .

The League of Women Voters is synonymous with excellent, dependable voter registration and education services. These are our trademark endeavors. Advocacy is another important aspect of our work. The League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis is also a strong advocate for public policies and legislation that we believe are in the best interests of the people. To that end, the League of Women Voters of Missouri has endorsed a couple of very important items that will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot. The first is Amendment 1, also known as CLEAN Missouri, and the second is Proposition B, Raise Up Missouri’s minimum wage proposition.

The purpose of Constitutional Amendment 1 is to “clean up” how the Missouri General Assembly operates by limiting the power of lobbyists, limiting campaign contributions, requiring fair state redistricting to stop partisan gerrymandering and increasing transparency by requiring more legislative records to be open to the public. Metro St. Louis League members have participated in press conferences and interviews with the press to voice strong support for Constitutional Amendment 1 in Jefferson City, St. Louis city, Farmington, Cape Girardeau, Festus and Washington.

Strong advocacy can get a bit hectic, but it’s also fun. For instance, Louise really enjoyed her participation in an interview at the *Leader Newspaper* office in Festus on August 22. She traveled to Festus with Benjamin Singer of the CLEAN Missouri organization, who set up the interview. Along the way, they picked up Paul DeGregorio, well known in Republican party circles in Missouri. Reverend Molly Moore of Hillsboro met them at the *Leader* office. The group presented a bi-partisan, nonpartisan front. The reporters seemed to be very interested in our reasons for supporting Constitutional Amendment 1 and they asked good questions. It was her pleasure to explain that since its inception, the League has always worked to maximize citizen participation in our democracy through voting and active engagement in legislating and holding elected officials accountable.

We believe Amendment 1 will be a tremendous boost toward that end in Missouri. Mr. DeGregorio and Reverend Moore eloquently explained their support as well. We are hopeful that at some point, the *Leader* will decide to publish an article or report about our support for the measure.

On August 15, we were videotaped by a production company hired by CLEAN Missouri. They responded to a number of questions about why the League supports Constitutional Amendment 1. Snippets from the videotape may be used in ads for the measure over the next couple of months. Look for it!

Several of us traveled to Jefferson City on August 31 to join with other Leaguers in Missouri to rally in support of Amendment 1. Fun, fun, fun. There will be several issues forums that will feature Proposition B as well as Amendment 1 coming up between now and November 6. Please look for them to be announced and plan to come! Last, but not least, please become knowledgeable about Amendment 1 and Proposition B and advocate for them with family, friends and associates. We need all hands on deck!



*Catherine Stenger, Joan Hubbard, Jean Dugan and Louise Wilkerson at the Cole County Courthouse*

— Presidents Nancy Miller and Louise Wilkerson

### 2018-2019 LWVMSTL OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS

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## LEAGUE SENDING VOTER REMINDERS

Sign up for email voter reminders on the League website, <http://www.lwvstl.org/remind.html>. Ask friends and neighbors to sign up, too. Voters who sign up will receive three reminders per election. Six weeks before the election, you will be reminded to check your voter registration and request an absentee ballot. Two weeks before the election, you will be reminded to see your ballot on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Then a few days before the election, you will be reminded to VOTE ON TUESDAY!

### 2018 ELECTION DATES

- Sept. 25:** Absentee in-person voting begins
- Oct. 10:** Last day to register to vote in Nov. 6 election
- Oct. 19:** Vote411.org goes live
- Oct. 26:** Voters Guide published in *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
- Oct. 31:** Last day to request an absentee ballot
- Nov. 5:** In-person absentee voting closes at 4:30 pm
- Nov. 6:** Polls open from 6 am to 7 pm

### PICK UP YOUR GOTV YARD SIGN

Get a “Vote Tuesday” sign and buy others for your neighbor, community center, local business or church. Signs are \$10 each. They are available in the League office and at the League Kick-Off on Sept. 12. Put them out the week before EVERY election.



### THE EQ TIP FOR THE MONTH

Switch to a renewable energy option through your utility. Encourage your city and county to participate in the Ameren Renewable Choice Program--a “green tariff which allows municipalities and large commercial power users in Ameren’s service territory that exceed a certain threshold of energy usage to subscribe to receive up to 100% renewable energy.” The measure was recently approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

— Mickey Croyle, Chair of the Environmental Quality Committee

### CALENDARS AVAILABLE

LWV of Missouri is again selling monthly wall calendars for \$7 each. Go to [lwvmissouri.org](http://lwvmissouri.org) or pick one up in the League office.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK AT THE POLLS

Local election boards need poll workers for the general election. We want them to have well-trained, motivated and intelligent poll workers to achieve our mission of having everyone vote and his/her vote count.

Here are the numbers to call if you can work all day on Tuesday, Nov. 6:

- St. Louis County: 314-615-1800
- Democrats for St. Louis City: 314-589-6208
- Republicans for St. Louis City: 314-622-4239
- St. Charles County: 314-949-7550

Anyone interested in watching a poll for any irregularities or people with difficulties voting, please contact the League office.

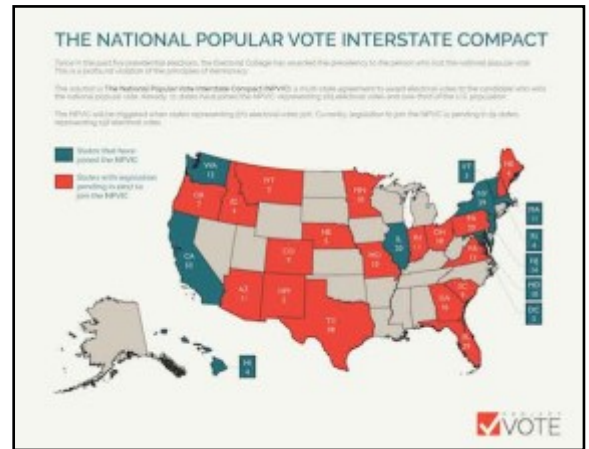
## SUPPORTING NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT

At the last League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis board meeting on August 22, the board voted to advocate for the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in state legislation. Our next step is to request the LWVMO board to formally agree to support this advocacy effort.

In 1970 the LWVUS adopted a position to eliminate the Electoral College and to support the presidential election decided by a direct vote of the people. This change would require a constitutional amendment. Knowing the difficulty to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to reach the same end individual states by legislative action would join a compact to assign all their electoral votes to the candidate who wins the most votes in the entire United States, rather than to the candidates who get the most votes in their own states. Such a bill has been introduced in Missouri in almost every legislative session in recent years.

A president would be elected by 270 electoral votes as presently required. As of today, 11 states and Washington, D.C., have signed the compact, totaling 172 electoral votes. Only 68 more electoral votes would elect a president by a popular vote. See <https://www.national-popular-vote.com/state/mo>. It is our goal to get Missouri legislators to pass a bipartisan bill to support the National Popular Vote. A recent poll showed 75 percent of Missouri voters support direct election of the president. We have formed a League committee with many new members eager to work on the NPV. If you have questions or want to join the committee, please contact me at [slshayer@gmail.com](mailto:slshayer@gmail.com).

— Sydell Shayer, Chair, NPV Committee



## FALL BALLOT ISSUES DOMINATE SPEAKERS BUREAU REQUESTS



The Speakers Bureau is heating up for the November election, with 30 presentations already scheduled before November 6 and more requests coming in all the time.

The issues on the ballot, including Amendment 1 (CLEAN Missouri ethics reform) and Proposition B (minimum wage), are of interest to newly motivated voters. We continue to educate about the photo ID law, as there is a lot of misinformation among voters and even poll workers. We should all be proud that the League is widely considered a credible source for this information.

— Nancy Price, Chair

## SUPPORTING A HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE

The minimum wage position approved in May by the MO League board states *A minimum wage of at least \$12/hour in Missouri is necessary to advance self-sufficiency for individuals and families.* This position allows the League to support Proposition B in working to gradually raise the wage to \$12/hour by 2023. We are working to inform voters about this minimum wage issue through our Speakers Bureau and Issues Forums.



## ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

**SILENT SKY** by Lauren Gunderson

**Kranzburg Arts Center in Grand Center**

**Oct. 21, 2018: 1 pm party, 2 pm matinee**



Enjoy an afternoon of fine theatre and fellowship with old and new friends of the League. The play *Silent Sky* by Lauren Gunderson tells the story of American astronomer Henrietta Leavitt. She was the epitome of the strength and talent that has characterized the work of women throughout history and continues today in the work of the League of Women Voters.

Don't miss the League's 1 pm reception or Insight Theatre's production of this fascinating story. The event is the League's major fundraiser and your support will provide the resources needed to help us do more to register and educate voters and advocate on key issues.

Become a sponsor of the League's grand event for \$500, \$350 or \$175 or purchase single tickets for \$65. Go to the League of Women Voters St. Louis web site ([lwvstl.org](http://lwvstl.org)) and click on Theatre Party 2018.

— *Barbara Harris, Theatre Party Chair*

### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: RISE UP FOR CLIMATE, JOBS AND JUSTICE

This September cities, states, businesses and civil societies from around the world are gathering in California for the Global Climate Action Summit. The summit has invited every mayor, governor and business leader in the world to make a bold climate commitment to help the world reach the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and commit to building a fossil-free world. The United We Stand Conference will be hosted by the Missouri Chapter of the Sierra Club on Sept. 8 from 10 to 4 at Harris Stowe University. See <http://unitedwestandstl.org/https://actionnetwork.org/events/united-we-stand-conference?referrer=350-org&source=tagged#>. If your elected officials commit, your rally can be a celebration. If they fail to act, it's a chance to hold them accountable.

— *Mickey Croyle, Chair of the Environmental Quality Committee*

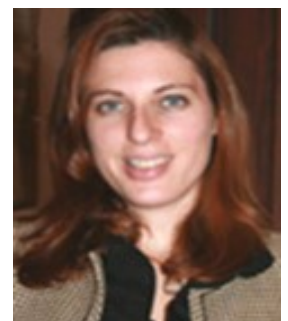
### LUNCH & LEARN: GERRYMANDERING & REDISTRICTING

The speaker will be Dr. Amanda Rosen, Worldwide Director of the Global MA program at Webster University, where she also holds the positions of Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations and Fellow in the Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies.

**12 - 1 pm on Friday, Sept. 21**

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 W. Lockwood Ave.

Bring lunch, the League provides drinks and dessert.



*Dr. Amanda Rosen*

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### SHARE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



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Help the LWVMSTL tell our community how relevant the League is today. Be a social media ambassador! “Like” the LWVMSTL on Facebook and/or “follow” @LWVSTL on Twitter. Then share posts and tweets with friends about our League work.

Your efforts to share trusted League information through social media, especially during this election time, help create an electorate that is ready to vote.

— Angie Dunlap, LWVMSTL Director

## UNIT MEETINGS

**Chesterfield/Creve Coeur:** Thursday, Oct. 11, 9:30-11 am. Friendship Village, 15201 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield. Contact: Eve Golden, 314.469.9985 or [j.golden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.golden@sbcglobal.net)

**North County:** September 11, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Florissant Valley Library (room 3). Updates on voting rights litigation and ballot initiatives for November election. Contact: Louise Wilkerson, 314.438.8005 or [louisew@scglobal.net](mailto:louisew@scglobal.net)

**St. Charles:** Oct. 8, 6:30 pm. St. Charles Police Substation, 1781 Zumbahl Road. Contact: Jennifer Rushing or [jrush1120@live.com](mailto:jrush1120@live.com)

**St. Louis City:** September 8, 10:30. Trinity Church, Euclid and Washington. Contact: Kathleen Farrell, 314.773.2876 or [kathleenfarrell@earthlink.net](mailto:kathleenfarrell@earthlink.net)

**South County:** No September meeting. Contact: Angie Dunlap, 636.368.6846 or [aok2bfast@hotmail.com](mailto:aok2bfast@hotmail.com)

**University City/Clayton:** Thursday, October 11, 5 pm. League office. *See note on Page 8.*

**Webster/Kirkwood:** No September meeting. Next is October 10, 9:30. First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 W Lockwood Ave. Contact: K Wentzien, 314.961.0894 (home), 314.805.6950 (cell) or [suitsme.prodigy.net](mailto:suitsme.prodigy.net)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*All meetings will be held at the League office at 8706 Manchester Rd, Suite 104, St. Louis, MO, 63144.*

**Education:** Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 am. League office. Contact Nancy Miller at [njsmill@yahoo.com](mailto:njsmill@yahoo.com)

**Environmental Quality Committee:** Oct. 5, 4:30 –5:30. Dessert will be provided. Contact: Mickey Croyle, 314.395.7876 or [erwincroyle@charter.net](mailto:erwincroyle@charter.net)

**Health Committee:** Sept. 24, 4:30. Contact: Irma Ruebling, 314.961.4539 or [ruebling@slu.edu](mailto:ruebling@slu.edu)

**Education Committee:** Oct. 20, 9:30-11:00 . Contact: Nancy Price, 314.330.8634 or [nprice07@gmail.com](mailto:nprice07@gmail.com)

**National Popular Vote Committee:** Sept. 30, 1pm. Contact: Sydell Shayer, 314-434-5116 or [slshayer@gmail.com](mailto:slshayer@gmail.com)

**Policing Study Group:** Oct. 1, 4:30-6. Contact: Kathy Brown, [kathytonb@gmail.com](mailto:kathytonb@gmail.com)



# Big! Big! Voter Registration!

**When: Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Public libraries across across the St. Louis region:**

- \* St. Louis City
- \* St. Louis County
- \* Jefferson County
- \* St. Charles County

Make sure you are ready for  
the November election!  
Register to vote!



## **LWV METRO MEMORIALS**

The League of Women Voters received donations in memory of Vicky Witte from Brenda Banjak, Sara Beck, Lois Bliss, Stefany Brot, Lori Calcaterra, Agnes Garino, Maxine Gilner, Harold and Carol Hilliard and Dorothy Schmidt. We express our sincere condolences to Pat and the family. Vicky was a special person, a dedicated Leaguer, and we will miss her.

## **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

Fall is fast approaching. November *Voters Guides*, Speakers Bureau, Candidate Forums, Voter Registration, and various committees are gearing up and getting people involved. The office always has clerical tasks to offer for eager hands. If you have time to help, please contact Barbara Harris, our volunteer coordinator, at [volunteer@LWVstl.org](mailto:volunteer@LWVstl.org).

Our volunteers since our last newsletter include the following: Connie Anthony, Susan Baber, Cynthia Biehle, Gloria Bilchik, Carole Billings, Nancy Billingham, Stefany Brot, Michael Boyd, Sally Boyd, Kathy Brown, Evelyn Buretta, Carol Candrl, James Carroll, Marilyn Chambers, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Karen Cloyd, Marj Courtney, Mickey Croyle, Helen Davis, Sue Dellbringge, Angie Dunlap, Barbara Ehnes, Kathleen Farrell, Lorna Frahm, Eve Golden, Barbara Harris, Sheila Hayes, Debby Howard, Joan Hubbard, Lisa Humphreys, Nancy Hutchins, Andrea Jackson, Chris Jones, Pat Jones, Kathy Kane, Diane Kasten, Mary Leopold, Dorothy Lockard, Kay Meyer, Mary Ann Meyer, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Dianne Modrell Riffli O'Brien, Tammy O'Donnell, Eileen Pacino, Carol Portman, Nancy Price, Carol Prombo, Kathie Quigley, Kathy Quinn, Barbara Rehkop, Sarah Riss, Peggy Robb, Irma Ruebling, Jennifer Rushing, Anne Sappington, Cathy Satkowski, Yvonne Schlote, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Steve Smith, Catherine Stenger, Carol Strawbridge, Billie Teneau, Pam Todorovich, Susan Turk, Judi Yokum, Rachel Wells, K Wentzien, Ida West, Louise Wilkerson, Sue Williams, Rafia Zafar and Cliff Zell.

This list includes the St. Louis board members. When you attend a board meeting or volunteer at other tasks, please remember to sign the volunteer book in the office so we have a record of our volunteers' hours. If you are a member of a League committee, we would like to keep track of the time you spend on League activities so we can add your name to our volunteer list. We appreciate your commitment to the League. If we neglected to list your name, please let us know and we will thank you in the next newsletter.

— *Julie Behrens, Staff*

## **REORGANIZING THE CLAYTON/UNIVERSITY CITY UNIT**

Learn about plans for a new look at the mid-county unit on Thursday, October 11, at 5pm at the League office. At this meeting we hope to determine possible future meeting places and times and talk about what a unit is and does. If you are not able to make this meeting, but are interested in being part of the Clayton/U City Unit, please contact the office, 314-961-6869.



## NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

I continue to be impressed by the dedication of League volunteers. Board members alone donated thousands of hours of their time last year. An ambitious idea to register voters at 61 area libraries on Saturday, Sept. 29, led more than 100 volunteers to sign up for our first-ever Library Registration Day.

Angie Dunlap continues to come up with great ideas. While registering parents at fall open houses, League volunteers gave 400 elementary and junior high school students sample ballots (dinosaurs versus pets) and Future Voter stickers. We found modeling good voting behavior is popular with both kids and parents.

Catherine Stenger reports that our local League registered 1,471 new citizens and 412 high school seniors so far this year. Anne Sappington and Steve Smith are starting work on the Voters Guide for the Nov. 6 general election. Nancy Price is organizing more than 30 Speakers Bureau presentations this fall. Our co-presidents are busy summarizing ballot issues, planning Centennial celebrations and keeping state and local election officials on their toes. Julie Behrens has been up to her ears with bookkeeping, processing new members, and handling calendar and merchandise orders. I squeezed in time for a grant application and report while trying to keep things running smoothly in the joint office.



*Catherine Stenger and Nancy Miller*

As Don Corrigan said in a *Webster-Kirkwood Times* story with the headline “Missourians to Face Boatload of Issues in November, “The headquarters of the League of Women Voters (LWV) is a beehive of activity.” Thanks to the many worker bees who are working to create a more perfect democracy.

— *Jean Dugan*

### LEAGUE’S EFFORTS TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS ACT CONTINUE

On August 8, 2018, the League of Women Voters of Missouri sought a preliminary injunction to require the Missouri Department of Revenue to contact approximately 40,000 registered voters who changed their addresses online or by mail to have accurate voter registration addresses in time for the November 6 election. Pro bono legal counsel for the League argued that the Motor Voter provision of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires that those seeking licenses from the Department of Motor Vehicles must “opt out” if they don’t want to register to vote or change their voter registrations as part of an address change.

During depositions and the hearing, it was revealed that if an address change were made in person at a DMV office, the “opt out” requirement was followed. However, if that address change were made online or by mail, that “opt out” requirement to change a citizen’s voter registration addressment was not followed. The processing of provisional ballots was also discussed.

Judge Brian Wimes, who heard the case in Kansas City on Aug. 8, requested Magistrate Judge William Knox to mediate the case in Jefferson City on Aug. 28. Linda McDaniel and Kathleen Farrell participated in the mediation process with the League’s lawyers. No agreement was reached. We await the decision of Judge Wimes in the matter of the preliminary injunction.

Thank you to the Kansas City League members who attended the Kansas City hearing.

— *Kathleen Farrell and Linda McDaniel*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 12    | Fall Kickoff: Wednesday, Sept. 12, 5:30 to 8 pm, Orlando Gardens Banquet Center, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights  |
| Sept. 21    | Lunch & Learn: First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 W Lockwood Ave., 12 - 1 pm. Topic: Gerrymandering & Redistricting, speaker Dr. Amanda Rosen from Webster University. Bring lunch, the League provides drinks and dessert. |
| Sept. 23    | Fair Maps for Missouri Run/Walk: 8300 Maryland Ave., Clayton, 8 am   |
| Sept. 26    | LWVSTL Board Meeting, League office, 4:30 pm   |
| Oct. 2      | Candidate Forum: Missouri Senate District 26 and House Districts 98, 101 and 110. Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main St., 7-8:30   |
| Oct. 3      | Ballot Issues Forum: Manchester Parks Bldg., 359 Manchester Station Rd, 7-8:30pm   |
| Oct. 4      | Ballot Issues Forum: Ethical Society of St. Louis. 9001 Clayton Rd. 7-8 pm   |
| Oct. 21     | Theatre Party: <i>Silent Sky</i> , Kranzberg Art Center, 501 N. Grand Blvd., 1-4 pm  |
| Nov. 9      | LWVMO Fall Workshop, State Fair Community College, 3201 W. 16th St., Sedalia   |
| Nov. 22-23  | Thanksgiving — office closed   |
| May 4, 2019 | LWVMO State Convention, St. Louis  |