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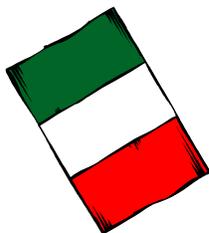
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## JUNE / JULY 2013

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### JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO THE "HILL" ON AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>!

Want to learn about the best fine soaps made in St. Louis? Shop for your Labor Day picnic cheeses and cold cuts? Peek in on the local bocce game? Have a great lunch with friends? Top the day off with a trip to the famous Missouri Baking Company? **JOIN US ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> FOR A DAY ON THE "HILL" AT 10:15-???**

Start off with a special tour of Herbaria at 2016 Marconi Street right down from the "immigrant church" at 10:15 a.m. Mosey across the street to DiGregorio's and shop for authentic Italian foods, kitchen gadgets, and more! Walk a block down to Zia's for a great lunch and conversation. Then cross the street to the bakery and pick up some cookies, pastries and other goodies.

This is a fun outing for your League friends and not yet League friends alike. Tours of Herbaria are limited to groups of 20. We can do two tours if there is enough interest.

***SIGN UP NOW! CALL THE LEAGUE OFFICE AT 961-6869 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.***

***COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON AND WHATEVER YOU SPEND.***

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### GRAB THOSE PURSES FOR THE LEAGUE: IT'S PURSE-ANALITY!

For the **September 11<sup>th</sup> Kickoff**, members and guests will have a chance to purchase gently used, new or vintage purses at the event. Here's how it will work:

Members donate purses **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** to the League office. You can fill those purses with accessories, gift cards, travel items, or toiletries OR donate these items to put in purses. A description of the purse, its contents, and approximate value will be typed and fasted to a box to collect raffle tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the Kickoff for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5. Bidders can purchase tickets and drop as many as they like into the box of the item they would like to win. A drawing for each purse will be done at the Kickoff. Donated purses not selected by our stellar and stylish secret committee will be put in a purse grab bag bucket and sold for \$3 or any two purses for \$5. All proceeds will go to the League.

So....Go through those closets and drawers or hit the thrift shops this summer and bring us a really cool purse or two for this fun fundraiser.

***Everyone loves purses....***



## SECRETARY OF STATE KANDER KEYNOTES THE 2013 LWV MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION



*Speaker, Brian Colby*

*LWVMO President Lois Detrick conducts the business meeting*



*Members Anna Mennerick, Becky Clausen, Carol Schreiber, Joni O' Connor, Marilyn McLeod, (in background) Cindy Stephens with Lois Detrick*

*Debby Howard, LWVMO Treasurer.*

*Office Staff Julie Behrens and Anna Mennerick, Executive Director, who keep the LWVMO and LWVSTL going. Taken at the LWVSTL Annual Meeting in April.*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS JUNE/JULY 2013

### **It's Summer Time! We're Making Plans and Taking it Easy.**

It's summer time and we're kicking back a bit, watching the debate over balancing security and privacy, keeping track of Governor Nixon's vetoes and thinking about how we can influence the debate on Medicaid expansion. That's a sobering task.

.But we are also making plans for the coming year. Your new board is meeting this month to work on our priorities, plan an exciting program, and also launch some events that will help us raise money and also just have fun and enjoy seeing our old League friends and meet new ones.

If you want a sneak peak..... mark your calendars for the September 11<sup>th</sup> Kickoff. In preparation for our national study, our program will be a debate on genetically modified foods (or GMO's for those of you who are environmentally savvy). We will be holding our popular Theater Party in October. And we will be working on our project to improve the election process in St. Louis City and St. Louis County in earnest. Look for more details in the next ILR.

In the meantime..... read about the August 23<sup>d</sup> visit to the "Hill" and plan to attend. Get ready for the purse raffle at September 11<sup>th</sup> kickoff by finding the most interesting purse to donate to this event. Recruit at least one person to join the League in September and bring them to the Kickoff. Get out and enjoy St. Louis in the summer. Attend a concert in the park or at the Garden or Zoo, or go see the new wing at the Art Museum. Watch the Cardinals play great baseball. And of course, think about how we can make democracy work better for all of us. It's summer. Enjoy!

Linda McDaniel

Kathleen Farrell

Co-Presidents

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## INTERN CAMERON SMITH : A STORY OF HARD WORK AND SUCCESS

2012 Intern Cameron Smith has spent the last year achieving his goals and winning honors. On Monday, May 13, 2013, Cameron graduated from Clyde C. Miller Career academy as president of his class. One element of that success is his involvement in the Debate Team at Clyde C. Miller. This year was the fourth year Cameron participated debate. In June Cameron and his debate partner, valedictorian Destiny Crockett, will travel to Birmingham to compete at the National Forensic League's National Debate Tournament. In April they finished in the top 16 at the Urban Debates League's national competition.

While an intern at the St. Louis League office during the summer of 2012, Cameron experienced a variety of tasks and events. During the hectic pre-2012 election season, he answered phones, entered information into databases, helped set-up and man the 411 centers at the Black Expo and assisted at Forums. Since January Cameron has been an intern at Mayor Slay's office in the City of St. Louis.

Co-president Kathleen Farrell became acquainted with Cameron during her involvement in the St. Louis Urban League which she helped to form. For several years the Debate League met at facilities at St. Louis University under the supervision of Kathleen. She currently serves as a board member of the organization. The Debate League now includes students from eleven high schools in St. Louis City. SLPD quoted the Clyde C Miller Debate coach Andrew Gallagher as saying the top 16 finish of Cameron and Destiny was " a profound first for our city."

This fall Cameron will enter Wiley College in Marshall Texas. He has been awarded a full scholarship to Wiley, a legendary debate powerhouse. Located in northern Texas, the school is the scene of the 2007 film "The Great Debaters."

We wish Cameron well as he begins this new adventure in his life!

### ESSAY CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

#### by INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The first contest sponsored by **Citizens for Global Solutions of Greater St. Louis** ends July 1, 2013. Winners win an all-expenses-paid trip to the international world federalist convention being convened at Hofstra University on Long Island, New York July 24-27, 2013. To be eligible one must be between 18 and 30 years of age at the time of that convention.

The other contest sponsored by the **Coalition for Democratic World Government** ends July 31, 2013 and is for cash prizes. It is open to anyone who will be a college student next fall.



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

### UPDATE ON LWV AGRICULTURAL POSITION

Food Safety is everyone's concern. Interested in Food Safety? Are you concerned about herbicides and pesticides in food, GMO's (genetically modified organisms, sustainable farming, agriculture water, water pollution, aquifer depletion in the west, accurate food labeling? Or do you want to know more about agriculture finance, crop subsidies and federal agricultural regulatory process? Come join the Environmental Quality Committee for this year's LWVUS current Agricultural Position Update! The EQ committee could use some additional people with an interest in food safety to help in the upcoming discussion of the Update on the Agricultural Position. Do you know other people in the community with an interest in Food Safety – ask them join a lively discussion and participate. Contact the LWV STL League Office or Mickey Croyle (eve 314.395.7876 or mcroyle@wustl.edu). We will learn a lot, and have fun in the process.

*An Opportunity to Get Involved!!*



The voter registration team continues to register new citizens. On May 17th at the U. S. Grant Historical Site, Jim, Cindy, Joan, Marj, Mary Beth and Carol registered 47 out of 96 petitioners.

On May 20 there was a special ceremony for 17 survivors of a 'slaughter' in Bosnia. Fifteen stopped by to register to vote!

**Needed...**one or two individuals to chair the voter registration program. Most of the work is done via email...makes it easy. You meet interesting people and go to interesting places. Most of the voter registration work is at the naturalization ceremonies. There are approximately 3 a month. People are surprised how many new citizens there are each month. Whoever is interested could work with me for a few months to have the opportunity to meet our contacts. **Contact the League office at 314.961.6869, or Carol Portman if you are interested.**

## COMMITTEE and UNIT NEWS

Committees and Units will not be meeting during the summer. Watch for information in the AUGUST ILR for dates and times of fall meetings.

### ITEMS NEEDED

### WORKERS WANTED

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis will hold its **“Annual League in the Loop Tailgate Sale”** on **Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd** at Parking Lot #4 (behind the Loop Market) in University City. We will sell booths at \$30.00 per booth until August 30th. Booth purchase after that date is \$40.00 per booth. A booth is 2 parking spaces.



**The League will have a booth this year.** You can pass on your unwanted treasures and help the League at the same time. In addition to those items

we will accept **BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION from individuals and GOOD SALEABLE CLOTHING.** Drop off point is Barbara Elbrecht's, 435 Bacon Ave. Webster Groves MO 63119 by August 30th. Call Barbara (314.962.2821) before coming so she will have her garage open & ready to take your loving donations.



Anyone willing to help price items before the sale please contact Barbara. We need workers to help move our sale items to the sale area. You would pick up items at Barbara's on Sunday, September 1 and bring them to the sale on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Labor Day.

Also we need workers to assist Barbara on Labor Day. Set up time is 6:00 a.m. Sale starts at 7:30 a.m., closes at 2:30 p.m. and then there is clean up time. Please call Barbara Elbrecht at 314.962.2821 and set up a time to help. We need workers throughout the day.

*Barbara Elbrecht, Chair*

# TAILGATE SALE

# 26th A N N U A L EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

**JOIN WOMEN ACTIVISTS  
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!**  
*Celebrating the 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of  
Women Getting the Vote*

Presentations include Special Well-Known Speaker

- Election and Legislative Issues
  - Political Action
  - Awards
- Women's Equity

## Saturday, August 24, 2013

### 10:00 am-2:00 pm

(Registration begins at 9:30 am)

**Crowne Plaza Hotel/Clayton MO-7750 Carondelet-Crystal Ballroom**

**Registration Form**

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Name

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Address

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**Sign up for**

Brunch and Program \$37.00\*

Students 15.00

Educational Fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_

MWN Membership Dues

Organization \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to Missouri Women's Network; mail to Julia

Triplett, 401 Oakmont Circle, Ballwin MO 63011. Call Shirley Breeze(314-831-5359) or Pat Shores (636-938-3958) for additional information or late reservations. Limited number of late reservations.



**MEMBERSHIP**

New Members:

Donna Baringer  
6476 Murdoch Ave.  
St. Louis MO 63109-2604

Laura Ray  
240 Georgia Ave.  
St. Louis MO 63135-2668

Joan Moehl  
6014 Tennessee  
St. Louis MO 63111-2321

**TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS**

In memory of Charles Parker from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin to LWV Information Service.

In memory of Charles Parker from Lois Bliss to LWV St. Louis.

Guy Chapin Gilbert, son of Betty Ann Gilbert passed away on May 18, 2013. We express our deepest sympathy to Betty Ann and her family.

In memory of Guy Gilbert from Julie Behrens, Pat Jones and Judith Smart to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Guy Gilbert from Kathleen Farrell & Julian Long to LWV Information Service.

A memorial mass will be held on June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church 401 S. Lindbergh for David Guard, son of Joyce Guard Schuetz.

**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

**Thanks** to those volunteers who helped in May: Esther Clark, Marjorie Courtney, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Nancy Miller, and Catherine Stenger. If we missed anyone please inform us and we will acknowledge you in our next newsletter. Please don't forget to sign the volunteer book in the office so we can keep a good record of our volunteers' hours.

Julie Behrens, Staff



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS**

The strange and unpredictable nature of our government gives us little choice but to surrender or persist. League members take the courageous path of persistence as you make democracy work, year after year.

This summer offers the opportunity to reflect on the actions and non-actions of the General Assembly and regroup for the upcoming sessions. We also have a lull in local election activity that allows us the infrequent opportunity to re-organize and re-energize here in the office.

What are you excited about? Where will you plug in your time and talents? It is an exciting time in the League of St. Louis. Help us keep the momentum rolling with your contribution to the efforts.

*Anna Mennerick*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

JUNE / JULY 2013 CALENDAR

Sat	June 15	9:30-2pm	Board/Chairs Retreat/Workshop	League Office
Tues	July 4		OFFICE CLOSED	NATIONAL HOLIDAY
Wed	July 24	6:00pm	LWVSTL/IS Board Meeting	League Office
<u>PLANNING AHEAD FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER</u>				
Fri	Aug 23	10:15am	TRIP TO THE HILL	Details p. 1
Sat	Aug 24	10am-2pm	EQUALITY DAY LUNCHEON	Crowne Plaza Hotel
Wed	Aug 28	6:00pm	Board Meeting	League Office
Mon	Sept 2		LABOR DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
		7:30am-2pm	TAILGATE SALE	University City Loop
Wed	Sept 11	5:30 - 8:00	KICKOFF DINNER	Clayton Center