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From the President:

Dear Members and Friends,

What’s a president to do when asked to approve the topic for the speaker at the annual meeting and she is told the title is, “Do We Have Too Much Democracy?” Whoa!!! In true League fashion, a host of pros and cons flashed through my mind:

- Does this foster the image and mission of the League?
- What does John Q. Public think when he reads this?
- Is this some wild-eyed pol-sci prof? Well, he has been on NPR so I am going to assume he’s OK.
- Can you have too much democracy? -motherhood? -apple pie? Well, probably yes to all three. Even Athens ran amuck; and we do have a representative government.
- It is a question, not a declarative sentence. Questions are what we do best.
- Hopefully, it is meant to be provocative. I like that.

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Even on the phone I could see the twinkle in Becky Clausen’s eyes as she waited patiently for me to stop dithering and make a decision. My sputtering finally ended as you will see on page 3. David Kimball, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science at University of Missouri-St. Louis, our esteemed speaker, has certainly piqued my interest.

Doris



CALENDAR

Weds., May 7	6:00 pm	Board Meeting	League office
Fri., May 9	10:00 AM	IR Comm.	St. Louis County Library HQ (pg. 6)
Sat., May 10	12:00 noon	Annual Meeting	More info and flyer on page 3
Mon., May 26	Office closed, Memorial Day		
Sat., May 31	LWVMO Council, Springfield (open to all members)		See MO Voter for details or call the office

No May Units--Units will resume in October

The Annual Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, May 10, is the most important business meeting of the year for the League of Women Voters of St. Louis, and is prescribed by the Bylaws. During the meeting, members will elect officers and directors, adopt a budget, receive a report on the League of Women Voters Information Service, and will conduct all other business of the organization. Membership meetings are the place where members make their voices heard in the organization. **Your presence is important! The flyer follows on the next page.**

The Board of Directors recommends amendment of the League of Women Voters Mission Statement as follows:

Current: The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Proposed: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 2008

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2008-2009

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Respectfully submitted: Nominating Committee: 2007-2008

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Charlene Dummett

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Mary Beth Reynolds

Judith Smart

(The proposed budget follows on page 4)



LWVSTL *Annual Meeting*

When: Saturday, May 10, 12:00-3:00
Where: Spiro's Restaurant (314-878-4449)
1054 N. Woods Mill, Chesterfield *

Luncheon

followed by business portion of meeting

and speaker, David C. Kimball, Assoc. Prof. UMSL

Topic: "DO WE HAVE TOO MUCH DEMOCRACY?"

Mr. Kimball is an associate Professor of Political Science. He is the co-author of *Why Americans Split Their Tickets*, and he has published articles in several academic journals. His research and teaching include voting and elections, political parties, and interest groups. He recently addressed 2008 election issues on NPR. There will be a question and answer period following his presentation.

Lunch: Tilapia, chicken breast in wine sauce, rice pilaf,
steamed vegetables, Greek salad, baklava, coffee and tea

Cost: \$22.00 per person

Handicapped accessible, with ample parking.

*On Woods Mill, just south of the intersection of Olive and Woods Mill
(next to the First Bank building)

**Please return this portion with your check (payable to LWVSTL) to the League office:
8706 Manchester Rd. Suite 104, St. Louis, Mo 63144**

I will be attending the Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 10, 12:00-3:00

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount encl. (\$22/per person): _____

Budget Information for the Annual Meeting :

Income

Category	Actual 3-07/08	Budget '07-08	Budget '08-09
INCOME			
DUES	\$ 17,145.00	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 17,300.00
DEVELOPMENT			
Member Contributions	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,200.00
Non-member Contributions	\$ 345.00	\$ 450.00	375.00
Campaign for the League	\$ 6,125.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,200.00
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 9,428.00	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 9,775.00
FUNDRAISING ACITIVITIES			
Tailgate/Book Sale	\$ 2,727.00		\$ 2,800.00
Tributes	\$ 827.00		\$ 850.00
Summer Fundraiser	\$ 2,310.00		\$ 2,500.00
Winter Fundraiser	\$ 3,665.00		\$ 3,800.00
TOAL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	\$ 9,529.00	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 9,950.00
MEMBER MEETINGS			
General Meetings	\$ 1,220.00		\$ 2,400.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,248.00		\$ 1,300.00
TOTAL MEETINGS	\$ 2,468.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,700.00
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS			
Regions Checking Account	\$ 10.00		
Regions Money Market	\$ 42.00		
Oppenheimer Money Market	\$ (529.00)		
Oppenheimer Mutual Funds	\$ 960.00		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 483.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 40.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 39,093.00	\$ 42,675.00	\$ 41,425.00

Expenses (expenses continued on page 5)

Category	Actual 3-mo 07/08	Budget '07-08	Budget '08-09
JOINT OFFICE EXPENSE			
Rent			\$ 6,450.00
Insurance			\$ 240.00
Telephone/Internet			\$ 810.00
Postage	Total figure	Total figure	\$ 800.00
Supplies	includes	includes	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment	payroll	payroll	
Copier Lease			\$ 1,080.00
Computer Tech			\$ 360.00
Capital Improvements			\$ 300.00
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 24,430.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 11,240.00

PAYROLL			
Salaries	Included in the		\$ 12,285.00
FICA/Medicare	above figure		\$ 940.00
Fed/MO Unemployment			\$ 95.00
TOTAL PAYROLL			\$ 13,320.00
BOARD EXPENSES			
President's Expenses	\$ 38.00		\$ 115.00
Board Materials	\$ 138.00		\$ 100.00
TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 176.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 215.00
FUND RAISING			
Tailgate/Book Sale	\$ 166.00		\$ 250.00
Staff Support			
Promotion			
Summer Fundraiser	\$ 690.00		\$ 800.00
Staff Support			
Promotion			
Winter Fundraiser	\$ 1,227.00		\$ 800.00
Staff Support			
Promotion			
TOTAL FUND RAISING EXP	\$ 2,083.00	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 1,850.00
MEMBER MEETINGS	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,425.00
ADVOCACY			
Website Development/Maintenance	\$ 265.00		\$ 280.00
Public Relations	\$ 250.00		\$ 225.00
Workshops	\$ 70.00		\$ 125.00
Staff Support			
Promotion			
Publications			\$ 325.00
Staff Support			
Promotion			
Coalition Support & Memberships			\$ 250.00
TOTAL ADVOCACY	\$ 585.00		\$ 1,205.00
LWVMO & LWVUS MEETINGS			
LWVMO Convention/Council	\$ 1,110.00		\$ 1,500.00
LWVMO State Conference	\$ 75.00		\$ 150.00
LWVUS Convention			
TOTAL LWVMO/US MEETINGS	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 4,162.00	\$ 1,650.00
LWVMO & LWVUS SUPPORT			
LWVMO PMP	\$ 3,516.00		\$ 4,600.00
LWVUS PMP	\$ 6,260.00		\$ 3,820.00
TOTAL LWVMO & LWVUS SUPPORT	\$ 9,776.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,420.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 67.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 40,627.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 41,425.00



Tailgate Sale: It's that time again! Check your closets, basements, and garages and find items for this year's Tailgate Sale. Just call the office, and we can arrange for you to drop them by. If you are working at the office, you can leave items there and we will pick up.

Environmental Quality Committee

There will be no meeting in May. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12 at 6 p.m. at the League office. At our April meeting, we decided to continue with evening meetings so that the Committee is available to those who cannot attend day meetings.

During the summer, we will continue to support and promote the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. In the environmental area, there is so much that needs our attention and understanding—what the problems are, where the League stands, and what we can do.

The next program year will be a busy one. We hope that others will join us in working together on important environmental problems.

We welcome Nancy Bowser as our new EQ Chair.

--Betty Maag

International Relations

The International Relations Committee will meet this month, May, as usual, on Friday, May 9 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The committee will not meet in June, July or August and will resume meetings in September.

The topic for next year is Pakistan, and the following article is the first in a series to help the committee and general membership have more information in advance.



PAKISTAN – Factoids provided by Rea Kleeman, a member of the IR Committee.

Please join our International Relations Committee on May 9 at 10 a.m. at the Library HQ.

- Pakistan was founded 60 years ago as a place for India's Muslims to have their own country. Its first leader was Mohammed Ali. Islam was supposed to be a cultural, not a political movement. The first government was a moderate democratic group.
- General Zia-UI-Haq overthrew this government in 1977. He started funding mainly extremist Muslim madrasses (schools) in the 1980's. Funding came from Saudi Arabia. The US Govt. (CIA) supported General Zia. There has been a parade of military strongmen. General Zia died mysteriously in a plane crash in 1988.
- Pakistan is a country caught between the tolerant and relaxed Islam of India and the rigid fundamentalism of the Afghan frontier.
- Pakistan has been troubled by numerous wars, especially over Kashmir.
- Pakistan has seen a lot of fighting among its ethnic groups: Punjabi, Sindhi, Baluchi, Pashtun, and Pakistanis. There are 165 million people in Pakistan, but they have never united as a people.

It's Dues Time Again

Dues notices were mailed the first week of March. These are dues for 2008-09. Our dues year runs from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

- The LWV-STL has gone to a new format on the notices, to bring us up to standard with the Better Business Bureau and best practices. You will find a lot more information on your dues notices now, and we hope it is helpful to you.

Dues are not tax deductible, as the IRS does not consider them a charitable contribution.

If you have any questions about your dues, please don't hesitate to call the office. Your dues help keep our organization viable. And your membership is important to us. We look forward to serving you in 2008-09 as a member of the League of Women Voters of St. Louis. We have great things planned!

The LWVUS issued the following press release after coming to consensus on Immigration. We are providing the full text for our members.

[April 2, 2008 Press Release to public from LWVUS on Immigration Consensus](#)

[LEAGUE OPPOSES DEPORTATIONS, SUPPORTS EARNED CITIZENSHIP FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS](#)

[League of Women Voters Announces Its Position on Immigration](#)

[Washington, DC– The League of Women Voters today announced its official position on immigration reform policy.](#)

“After a lengthy and comprehensive study of this complex issue by our grassroots members,” said national League president Mary G. Wilson, “the League’s position calls for a path to citizenship for current unauthorized immigrants.”

“As part of overall immigration reform, the League supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship, by paying taxes, learning English, studying civics and meeting other relevant criteria,” Wilson stated. “We oppose deportations of current unauthorized immigrants who have no history of serious criminal activity,” she said.

The full immigration policy approved by the national League’s Board of Directors in March was studied by the organization’s membership for more than eighteen months. The policy achieved member consensus through a survey of the nearly 850 local Leagues. The full position follows on the next page.

Other elements of the League’s position include support for increased enforcement personnel at borders, more effective tracking of individuals who enter the U.S., and significant fines and penalties for employers who hire unauthorized workers. Furthermore, the League will champion due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal and right to humane treatment. The League position sets criteria for legal admission to the U.S., including family reunification of spouses or minor children; economic, business and employment needs in the U.S.; political persecution or humanitarian crises; and studying in the U.S.

The League will use this recently adopted position to guide its advocacy work on federal legislation introduced on this very important public policy issue.

LWVUS Immigration Position (April, 2008)

The League of Women Voters believes that immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises. Provision should also be made for qualified persons to enter the U.S. on student visas. All persons should receive fair treatment under the law.

The League supports federal immigration law that provides an efficient, expeditious system (with minimal or no backlogs) for legal entry of immigrants into the U.S.

To complement these goals the League supports federal policies to improve economies, education, job opportunities, and living conditions in nations with large emigrating populations.

In transition to a reformed system, the League supports provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status

The League supports federal payments to impacted communities to address the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations.

Criteria for Legal Admission to the U.S.

The League supports the following criteria for legal admission of persons into the United States:

- Family reunification of spouses or minor children with authorized immigrants or citizens;
- Flight from persecution or response to humanitarian crises in home countries;
- Economic, business and employment needs in the U.S.;
- Education and training needs of the U.S.;
- Educational program opportunities; and
- Lack of a history of serious criminal activity.

Administration and Enforcement

The League supports due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal and right to humane treatment.

The League supports:

- Improved technology to facilitate employer verification of employee status;
- Verification documents, such as status cards and work permits, with secure identifiers;
- Significant fines and penalties for employers who hire unauthorized workers;
- Improved technology for sharing information among federal agencies;
- More effective tracking of individuals who enter the United States; and
- Increased personnel at borders.

The League also supports programs allowing foreign workers to enter and leave the U.S. to meet seasonal or sporadic labor needs.

Unauthorized Immigrants Already in the U.S.

In achieving overall policy goals, the League supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship, by paying taxes, learning English, studying civics and meeting other relevant criteria. While policy reforms, including a path to legal status, remain unachieved, the League does not support deporting unauthorized immigrants who have no history of criminal activity.