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### Tributes and Memorials to the LWV Information Service

#### In memory of

Betty Wallace, Barbara Elbrecht's sister, from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin.

Anita Koester from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin.

Joan Shifter from Sydell Shayer.

Larry Lieberman from Sydell Shayer.

#### In honor of

Will & Norma Jean Downey's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Sydell Shayer and Marty Ott.

Betty MacConnell's birthday from Norma Jean Downey.



### LWVSTL Voter Registration 2011

#### Thank you to:

Stefany Brot, Evelyn Buretta, Lori Calcaterra, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Marj Courtney, Joan Esserman, Susan Fluegel, Joe Kleeman, Rea Kleeman, Linda McDaniel, Cindy Mitchell, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Catherine Stenger, Billie Tebeau, Carol Teig, Pam Todorovich, Carol Washburne, K Wentzien, who registered nearly 1200 voters.

#### At 36 Naturalization Ceremonies; registered 1165 out of 2270 new citizens

Other registration sites: Jennings Senior High School, Forest Park Community College Class, AmeriCorps/Grace Hill, Harrah's.

We sent completed voter registrations to 28 counties.

**Carol Portman, voter registration chair**

**Missouri  
Presidential  
Primary  
Feb. 7  
VOTING  
6 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Voter registration, requests for candidate and issue forums, the launch of VOTE 411 for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> municipal elections, and an uptick of calls to our Voter Service hotline at the office—election year 2012 has arrived!

The League's award winning VOTE 411.org will provide voters: absentee ballot information, factual data on candidates, ballot measure information, and ID requirements.

The most unique feature of VOTE 411.org is the polling place locator, which enables users to type in their address and retrieve the poll location and a personalized ballot with all candidate and ballot issue information they need to prepare to vote.

We encourage you to log on frequently for up to date information. Show your support of this important voters service and **Keep VOTE411 Online!** The League depends on the generosity of VOTE411 users! Click on the Donate Now! link.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 14th the LWVIS annual theatre party. See p. 3. The theatre party is our major fund-raising event in support of our information service.

### What can you do to help?

Volunteer to work  
-on the Voters Guide.  
-on candidate & issue forums.  
-in the office.

Support the theatre party.  
Recruit 2 friends to join the League.  
Donate to the League or the Information Service.

No donation is too small!

**2012 is going to be quite a year. Join in the fun and excitement.**

Linda C. McDaniel  
Kathleen Farrell  
Co-Presidents

## LWV again joins with media in producing Voters Guides

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [Stltoday.com](http://Stltoday.com) and the Suburban Journals will produce **four Voters Guides** for the 2012 elections that will reach 500,000 citizens. The first will be for the April elections. The guides will be published as an insert in the newspaper the weekend before the election.

Come join us in this grand opportunity to be part of a project that is what the League is all about. There are many jobs and skills needed to complete these voters guides! We need your help! We need data entry, envelope stuffers, research on ballot issues, phone callers to contact non-responding candidates and more. Email the office, [league@lwwstl.org](mailto:league@lwwstl.org) or call the office, 314.961.6869 and let us know what you would like to do and the days you have available and we will get back in touch with you. AND some jobs can be done at home. Thank you in advance for all you do.

Linda McDaniel & Kathleen Farrell

## SPRING SCHEDULE OF CANDIDATE FORUMS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: call LWVIS: 961-6869 to CONFIRM

Even though it feels like winter outside, the requests for Candidate Forums are a sure sign of spring. The April 3 election is just around the corner, and volunteers are needed for these events. Please contact Pat Jones, Candidate Forum Coordinator, at 314-842-9383 or [PatJones@lwwstl.org](mailto:PatJones@lwwstl.org) to volunteer. Our forums set the standard for "democracy at work," and we maintain that standard because of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Here are the forums that have been scheduled as of January 23:

### Thursday, March 1: Hazelwood School Board, 7:00 pm

School District Learning Center, 15955 New Halls Ferry Rd., Florissant

### Monday, March 5: Kirkwood School Board, 7:30 to 8:30 pm

North Middle School, 11287 Manchester Rd., Kirkwood

### Tuesday, March 6: Rockwood School Board, 7:00 pm

Crestview Middle School, 16025 Clayton Rd., Ellisville

### Wednesday, March 14: Ladue School Board, 7:00 pm

Horton Watkins High School Cafeteria, 1201 S. Warson Rd. Ladue.

### Thursday, March 22: Wildwood Mayor and City Council, 7:00 pm

Wildwood City Hall Council Chambers, 183 Plaza Dr., Wildwood.

Call the LWV 961-6869 or go to [www.lwwstl.org](http://www.lwwstl.org) for up-to-date information, including additional forums.

## AUG. 7th STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Missouri's state primary elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August of even numbered years. Since Missouri has open primaries, every eligible registered voter may select the party ballot of their choice.

However, primary voters may select only one party's ballot. Voters who do not wish to give a political party preference may request an issues only ballot, if one is available in that particular jurisdiction.

**The filing period for the August 7, 2012 state primary election is from February 28 to March 27.**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
 INFORMATION SERVICE  
 invites  
 LEAGUE MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS and GUESTS  
 to our  
 ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY  
 and FUND-RAISER**



PRESENTS

**THE WINTER'S TALE**

**Fontbonne University**

**Big Bend Blvd. south of Wydown, Clayton**

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
 directed by DEANNA JENT

**Saturday April 14, 2012  
 Reception at 12:30 • Performance at 2:00 pm**

**One of Shakespeare's psychological dramas; it's a story of jealousy, betrayal, murder and forbidden love set in modern day Seattle and the wilderness of Alaska. The production features Native American music and myth.**

The Mustard Seed Theatre has received much critical acclaim this year and Jent's original play, "Falling", the story of a family's struggle with autism, has been selected to play on off Broadway in New York later this year.

Look for a formal invitation to support the League by attending and sponsoring this League Information Service tradition. Invite your friends to join us for a wonderful afternoon.



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## Certified Candidate List

Tuesday February 7th 2012 MO Presidential Primary

Primary Ballot Placement: First day filers (10/25/2011) selected a number by random drawing to determine their placement on the primary ballot. After the first day, all candidates are placed on the ballot in order of their filing. Absentee Balloting is now open. All candidates and parties are listed in ballot order.

### Democrat

BARACK OBAMA  
RANDALL TERRY  
DARCY G. RICHARDSON  
JOHN WOLFE

Uncommitted

### Libertarian

JAMES ORLAND OGLE III

Uncommitted

### Constitution

No candidate filed

Uncommitted

### Republican \*

GARY JOHNSON  
HERMAN CAIN  
MITT ROMNEY  
MICHAEL J. MEEHAN  
RICK PERRY  
KEITH DRUMMOND  
JON HUNTSMAN  
MICHELE BACHMANN  
RICK SANTORUM  
RON PAUL

Uncommitted

\*The results of the Republican primary will not be recognized by the Republican party. Republican delegates from Missouri will be selected at one caucus in each of the 114 counties and St. Louis at 10 a.m. Sat. March 17. Any registered voter who says he or she is a Republican can participate. Republicans will have a total of 52 delegates. More information: [www.stltoday.com](http://www.stltoday.com)

Missouri Democratic party will recognize the results of the primary in their selection process of 102 total delegates.

Information on the Missouri February primary/March Republican caucuses at the League website: <http://www.lwvstl.org>. It explains the two processes and includes the ballot with links to the CANDIDATES' websites.

St. Louis County information: <http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Election> or call: 314 615-1933 or 615-1836

St. Louis: [http://stlelections.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=61](http://stlelections.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=61)  
A voter may apply for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax sent to 314-622-3378, or by downloading an application on the website.

## Missouri Redistricting Information

visit [www.sos.mo.gov/elections/maps/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/maps/)

On Tuesday Jan. 17, the Missouri Supreme Court threw out redrawn state Senate districts and called for review of the new congressional district lines.

## 2012 Initiative Petitions Approved for Circulation

Some 45 petitions have been certified by the Missouri secretary of state's office

Petitions cover subjects ranging from campaign finance, early voting, eminent domain, consumer loans, minimum wage, taxation, to tobacco/cigarette taxes. Petitions must meet signature requirements by the deadline to be put on the ballot. List of all petitions certified with links for more complete information: [http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/2012petitions/12init\\_pet.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/2012petitions/12init_pet.asp)

## Township Redistricting Information

Per Missouri law, the Board of Elections redrew the St. Louis County Township boundaries into 28 compact and contiguous townships containing population as nearly equal in population to each other as is possible per the 2010 decennial census.

The maps and summary are posted at: <http://www.stlouisco.com/portals/8/docs/document%20library/elections/redistrict/redistrictinfo.html>