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SUPPORT THE EPA'S PROPOSAL TO LIMIT CARBON POLLUTION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) introduced a proposal to set the first-ever limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants. Like the previous proposal to limit carbon pollution from new power plants, this proposal is a game changer that will protect us from the health risks and impacts of climate change. Join the League and tell the EPA you support their groundbreaking proposal to limit carbon pollution from existing power plants.



Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of the carbon pollution in the United States—making them the single largest source of carbon pollution in the country. The unlimited dumping of carbon pollution is the chief cause of climate change. Reducing the amount of carbon pollution from power plants is a life-saving measure that will protect our children, our nation and the world from the devastating effects of climate change.

We have a moral obligation to our children and future generations to address the primary cause of climate change. Currently we limit how much mercury, arsenic, soot and other air pollution power plants can dump into our air, but there are no limits on carbon pollution. We must stand in the way as big polluters continue to drop unlimited amounts of carbon pollution into the air without penalty or regard for the public health impacts on children, seniors and families.

Raise your voice! Tell the EPA you support limiting carbon pollution from power plants.

Go to the LWVUS webpage and send your letter <http://www.lwv.org/issues/>



It's Time for the Theatre Party!! Nov. 23rd

Drama-- Food--Drink--Silent Auction !!!!

Call today for your Reservations & Sponsorship



LWVMO FALL CONFERENCE

Planning is in full swing for the Fall Conference in Sedalia at the Community College on **Saturday, November 15, 2014**. Presentations and discussion include: Rachel Fitch Award presentation, Elevator Speech – how to talk to your legislator (in less than 1 minute), Membership Leadership Development (MLD), Convention Reports. Bob Priddy will be the keynote Speaker. He's the author of 5 books and is widely recognized for his knowledge of Missouri History. ***This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances, meet new members who share your enthusiasm, learn new things and generally have a good time!*** Deadline for fall conference is November 10. Contact the League office [314.961.6869](tel:314.961.6869).

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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We've learned a lot by being out in our community in the last few weeks. People are overwhelmed with the problems they see around them and are trying to figure out what to do. They want better schools, more humane police departments, jobs, opportunities for young people to develop their talents, and government officials who serve THEM.



Judith Smart picks up Voters Guides at the League office for delivery to a variety of locations.

The mission of the League, to develop an informed and actively participating citizenry, is central to solving the problems we face. We have had larger audiences than ever at our candidates' forums, more calls for information about ballot issues, a run on our Voters Guides, and the question we hear more and more: "What is the League position on this issue? "

This election cycle, we distributed over 10,000 handouts on the ballot issues, over 5,000 copies of our advocacy materials against Amendment 6, and forwarded electronic copies of our materials to over 150 organizations and individuals. Along the way we made new friends from different parts of our community and we discovered what we had in common as opposed to what kept us apart. We want to make our community better. This is particularly important as we move to the local elections in the spring. We will be working with other organizations and individuals to encourage and prepare people to run for local office. We will be focusing on key groups: students, youth, and newly naturalized citizens to help them understand how local government works, how school boards affect the education of their children, how municipalities, villages, and counties determine whether policing does harm or good. We have sought additional resources to support these initiatives and will know soon whether they have been secured. So stay tuned.

In the meantime, join us by supporting the Theatre Party on Sunday, November 23rd. Get a friend to buy a ticket or be a sponsor to see the award winning production "All is Calm" while supporting the League's work. Bring someone new to a unit meeting to see what the League is doing. Get ready to volunteer for new projects this spring. Come with us to Sedalia on November 15th to meet sister Leagues from across the state. **Help the League make a difference.**

Linda C. McDaniel
Co-Presidents

Kathleen Farrell

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LWVIS THEATRE PARTY



ALL IS CALM



Sunday, November 23rd

5:00 Show begins

6:30 Light Refreshments

THE MUSTARD SEED THEATRE PRESENTS:

ALL IS CALM

**written by Peter Rothstein with musical arrangement
by Eric Lichte and Timothy C. Takasch.**

**Join us in celebrating the power of peace in this
acappella musical based on the true story of soldiers during
WW I who, for one night, put down their arms and played soccer
instead of exchanging bullets.**

**Fontbonne University Fine Arts Theatre
6800 Wydown Blvd.
Clayton, MO**

RESERVATIONS DUE : NOVEMBER 15



Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum: \$1000.00 (10 tickets)

Gold: \$500.00 (6 tickets)

Silver: \$300.00 (4 tickets)

Bronze: \$150.00 (2 tickets)

Single Ticket: \$60.00

Yes, I will be a sponsor of the Theatre Party on November 23rd

Name _____ Sponsorship level: _____ # of tickets needed: _____

Address to send receipt to: _____

SEND CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO: LWVIS 8706 Manchester Rd Ste 104, 63144

FOR INFORMATION CALL THE LEAGUE OFFICE: 314. 961.6869

LWVSTL/LWVIS Financial Consolidation Proposed

On October 29, 2014 the LWV STL Board voted to propose the move of the St Louis League’s operations and activities to the League of Women Voters Informational Services Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization, and to conduct all the great work of encouraging informed and active participation in government, increasing understanding of major public policy issues, education, and advocacy under the name League of Women Voters of St Louis.

A similar change has been implemented for Leagues in Minnesota, Wisconsin and California. We are using their experiences to research the process. This change simplifies the organization and makes its work and funding more transparent.

The change also allows all gifts and dues, excluding LWVUS Per Member Payment (PMP), to be tax deductible.

The proposed bylaws changes associated with this possible restructuring will be presented to members in January and February and voted on at a meeting for all members in late February or early March.

More information will follow.

Becky Clausen, Treasurer, LWV St. Louis and LWVIS
treasurer@lwwstl.org

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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holiday Luncheon set for December 13th at the Highlands Clubhouse in

Forest Park. 11:30-1:30. Details in December ILR

Gift Books for Kids may be purchased or brought to the Luncheon.

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WINTER WONDERLAND

The League will be one of the organizations that will staff the St. Louis County Parks Winter Wonderland held at Tilles Park again this year. The League of Women Voters Information Service will receive a check for \$500 for our services.

This year we have Monday evening, December 8. We will need 6 volunteers at all times and will have two shifts from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

It can be wet—it can be cold so dress warmly—but it is a fun event! Please call Julie Behrens at the League office 314.961.6869 or email the League office at league@LWVstl.org and let her know when you would like to volunteer and we do thank you for your help.

This is a beautiful display so be sure to let all your friends know about it and what night League volunteers will be working. As you leave, workers have the opportunity to drive through the park to enjoy this great display!

Becky Clausen & Julie Behrens Event Coordinators



The International Relations Committee (IR) met on Sept 12 and discussed the agenda for 2014-15. For many reasons our group is getting smaller and smaller. I am resigning as the IR chair after at least ten years. We need a new chair, new members, new ideas, perhaps a new format. We talked about the possibility of having speakers on issues that are of international interest: Middle East, Ukraine, International Institute, Parliamentary systems/forms of government. Or visits to the Hindu temple, a mosque, Islamic center, etc. We considered a format for a speaker: "Coffee, Conversation, and Cookies" or "Lunch and Learn." Perhaps at the League office. If you can help revive this very important and interesting League committee, please call me or the League office. The IR needs YOU.

Judith Smart



NATIONAL WALK, LOCAL RALLY FOR ERA

On November 7th and 8th, Helene deBoissiere Swanson, who has been walking to all the states that have not ratified the ERA, will be in St. Louis. There will be a teleconference with Senators McCaskill and Blunt on Nov. 7 and a vigil/rally at the Old Courthouse downtown on Nov. 8 from 12-2:00. Ms. Swanson is walking as part of the Katrina's Dream project. For more information, visit:

website <http://www.KatrinasDream.org>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/www.KatrinasDream.org>

Twitter https://twitter.com/Katrinas_Dream

Helene's Blog <https://wordpress.com/read/blog/id/36640085>

The weekend events are open to all. From St. Louis she will walk across the Eads Bridge and then to Springfield IL. For more information contact: Peggy Placier at pplacier@socket.net

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Celebrate U.N. Day! Join us for a discussion on the U.N. & A Sustainable Future

with a lecture featuring Micah Spangler, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Better World Campaign

The U.N. & A Sustainable Future



Thursday, November 6, 2014 - 2 P.M.
331 Social Sciences & Building



Micah Spangler is the Better World Campaign's Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs. In his role, Micah helps develop and manage the implementation of BWC's legislative agenda, advocacy work, and communications. Prior to joining BWC, Micah was a Field Director on Gov. Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign where he built relationships with grassroots organizations and partnered with local, state, and federal officials to synchronize political operations in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Florida. He is a veteran of many other races as well, including Kinzinger for Congress 2010 and Phil English for Congress 2008. Prior to Romney for President, Micah worked for a DC-based non-profit management firm for four years, specializing in direct lobbying and grassroots advocacy.

Micah graduated magna cum laude from Johns Hopkins University with a Master's degree in Government and studied Mandarin Chinese at National Taiwan University in Taipei.



Sponsored by the United Nations Association of St. Louis, the United Nations Association of the United States of America, the United Nations Foundation, and the Office of International Studies and Programs, University of Missouri-St. Louis

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Speaker

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Trinity Lutheran Church

Coffee and Socializing, 8:45 a.m.

14088 Clayton Road (At Clayton Road and 141)

Business Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Program, 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

“Five Myths About Privacy” Neil Richards

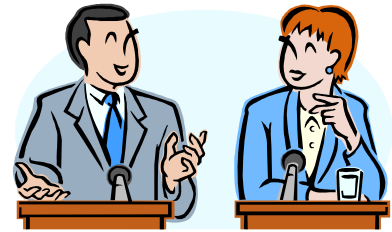
Neil Richards is an internationally recognized expert in privacy law, information law and freedom of expression. He is a professor of law at Washington University School of Law as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the Future of Privacy Forum. He served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

Fall 2014 Candidate Forum Wrap-Up

The League kicked off its Fall 2014 Candidate Forum season on Sept. 29 with a capacity crowd of over 100 residents at the Carpenter Branch Library on S. Grand. The librarians remarked that they had never seen the Meeting Room filled to overflowing! The race was St. Louis City's 15th Ward Alderman with a special election on Oct. 7. Candidates were: Missy Pinkerton-McDaniel (Dem), Joshua D. Simpson (Rep), Megan Ellyia Green (Ind), and Rhonda Smythe (Ind).

We shook things up a bit at the next forum by scheduling it on a Friday afternoon. The result was a rousing success! Aberdeen Heights was a beautiful setting for the 90th District State House of Representatives forum on Oct. 3. The house was packed for candidates Deb Lavender (Dem) and Gina Jaksetic (Rep).

Our last forum before the November election, held on Oct. 22 at the Meramec campus, St. Louis Community College, was attended by over 60 people. It featured two of the three candidates running for the 2nd District U.S. Congressional seat. Ann Wagner (Rep) did not attend the forum. Under the expert direction of Kathleen Farrell, our moderator for the evening, Arthur Lieber (Dem) and Bill Slantz (Lib) answered 28 questions that covered a wide range of topics. Try getting that depth of coverage on a televised political debate with pre-selected questions!



As always, the League Candidate Forums would not be possible without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. I wish to thank the following who gave of their time and energy during the Fall Candidate Forums: Kathleen Farrell, Linda McDaniel, Barbara Harris, Nancy Billingham, K Wentzien, Cindy Mitchell, Judith Smart, Gail Hafer, Julian Long, Liz Aurbach, Catherine Stenger, Mary Beth Reynolds, Cliff Zell, and Renate Lytle.

A special thank you goes to Julie Behrens and Anna Mennerick who make my job so much easier.
*Pat Jones, Coordinator
 Candidate Forums*

SPEAKERS BUREAU Volunteers Provide Invaluable Service

Kudos and thanks to:

- Brenda Bartz and Angie Dunlap, researchers
- Rick Aurbach and Sue Williams for creating a Power Point presentation used by Speakers Bureau volunteers from researched information
- Kathleen Farrell for conducting two training session for speakers
- Angie Dunlap, Kathleen Farrell, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Mary Beth Reynolds and Catherine Stenger for giving their time to fill requests for a speaker.



Twelve organizations asked for a speaker to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments on the November ballot. Volunteers who spoke at these meetings truly fulfilled the mission of the League "to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government."

Mary Beth Reynolds, Coordinator
 LWV Speakers Bureau

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UNIT MEETINGS RESUME: MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY UNIT MEETING.

UNITS WILL BE DISCUSSING A VARIETY OF TOPICS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETINGS.

UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON

Tuesday, Nov. 11th
9:30 am

HOME of CAROL PORTMAN

155 N. Hanley Hanley & Pershing
Leader: Carol Portman 314.726.3269

WEBSTER/KIRKWOOD

Wednesday, Nov. 12th
9:30 am

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEBSTER GROVES UCC

10 W. Lockwood , Webster Groves
Leader: K Wentzien
314.961.0894 or 314.805.6950(cell)

DIRECTIONS: (SW corner of Elm & Lockwood) Enter off Elm. Lockwood entrance is roped off. In the Parlor on the 2nd floor, follow the signs. Elevator available, handicapped accessible.

CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR

Thursday, Nov. 13th
9:30 am

FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE

15201 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield
Leader: Eve Golden 314.469.9985

ST LOUIS CITY

Saturday, Nov. 8th
10:30 am

TRINITY CHURCH

Euclid and Washington
Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert
314.925.8251

The speaker at the City Unit will be Megan Green, newly elected 15th ward alderperson.

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COMMITTEES

The LWVSTL **Education Committee** will meet on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 9:30 am– 11:30 am at the League Office, 8706 Manchester Road, 63144.

The committee members chose to study what is happening with the Common Core Standards in Missouri since the current legislative passing of HB 1490 (Bahr). The bill allows continued implementation of new assessment aligned to Common Core standards. The bill requires DESE to convene new work groups of teachers and education faculty to begin work on recommendation for new standards in four core subject areas to be proposed within two years.

Members shared updated information on the status of Common Core Standards, now known as Missouri Learning Standards. We will continue our on-going watch of the recommended changes and those approved by the State Board of Education.

Members and guests are welcome to come, share and learn.

Marty Ott, Education Chair martyott06@yahoo.com 314-434-0330

The **Environmental Quality Committee** will meet on Tuesday, November 11th at 7 p.m. at the League Office.

Mickey Croyle, Chair

The **Health Committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 12th at Faith Presbyterian Church.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members:

Shana Albright
3500 Illinois Ave.
St. Louis MO 63118-4012

Marie Anandel
850 Sherilin Dr.
St. Louis MO 63122-2356

Steven Fitzpatrick Smith
3132 S. Kingshighway
St. Louis MO 63139-1108

Carol Strawbridge
1315 Chapleton
St. Louis MO 63135-1470



Address Changes:

Jeanette Myers
625 S. Skinker #205
St. Louis MO 63105-2325

Judith Rubenstein
1 McKnight Pl. Apt. 221
St. Louis MO 63124-1982

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Voter Guides entered the office on Friday, Oct. 24th and were distributed over that weekend. The voter registration volunteers continue to be busy. The Speakers Bureau presented information to groups prior to the election. We held 3 candidate forums. Our volunteers answered questions regarding the November 4th election and mailed voter guides to individuals that called the League office requesting voter information.

Our busy volunteers include: Liz Aurbach, Rick Aurbach, Stephen Aylward, Brenda Banjak, Sally Beck, Nancy Bowser, Rosalie Brasch, Stefany Brot, Mary K. Brown, Mary Ellen Brucker, Evelyn Buretta, Lori Calcaterra, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Mickey Croyle, Sue Dellbringge, Angie Dunlap, Joan Esserman, Pat Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Eve Golden, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Ginny Hartley, Ilene Horenstein, Debby Howard, Nancy Hutchins, Nancy Jennings, Pat Jones, Kathleen Lottenbach, Renate Lytle, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Dianne Modrell, Gwen Moore, Carolyn Nolan, Marty Ott, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Pat Soraghan, Catherine Stenger, Carol Strawbridge, Billie Teneau, Janice Thomas, Kay Tice, Pam Todorovich, Lolly Wehrli, K Wentzien, Marilyn Werner, Louise Wilkerson, and Sue Williams. This list includes the St. Louis board members. When you attend a board meeting, please remember to sign the volunteer book in the office so we have a record of our volunteers' hours. We appreciate your commitment to the League.

If you have time to donate to the League please contact our volunteer coordinator, Barbara Harris at 314.968.3609 or email Barbara at MBJH@charter.net
Julie Behrens, Staff



TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

Contributions received:

- in memory of Leslie Rich from Linda McDaniel and Sydell Shayer to LWV St. Louis.
- in memory of Leslie Rich from Lois Bliss to LWV Information Service.
- in memory of Rosemary Davison from Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.
- In memory of Clifford Smart from Sydell Shayer to LWV St. Louis.

We extend our condolences to the families.

From the Executive Director's Desk



During the non election weeks at the League office, it is easy to forget about our own special seasonal frenzy. So many people rely on the League for plain English explanations and unbiased coverage of candidates. This service is only available because of the generous support of our donors and volunteers and the leadership of our board. On behalf of the hundreds of citizens who receive vital voter education because of the League, I extend a sincere thank you.

--Anna Mennerick

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NOVEMBER 2014 CALENDAR

Thurs. Nov. 6	2 pm	UN Day	UMSL SocSci Bldg
Fri. Nov. 7		IR MEETING CANCELLED	
Sat. Nov. 8-13	Various times	Unit Meetings	Various locations
Wed. Nov. 12	1:00-3:00 pm	Health Care Committee	Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church
Tues. Nov. 11	7:00 pm	EQ Committee	League Office
Sat. Nov. 15	9:00am-3:00 am	LWVMO Fall Conference	Sedalia
Sat. Nov. 22	9:30-11:30 am	Education Committee	League Office
Sun. Nov. 23	5:00 pm	Theatre Party	Fontbonne University
Wed. Nov. 26	6:00 pm	LWVSTL Board Meeting	League Office

Thurs-Fri. Nov. 27-28 ***OFFICE CLOSED for THANKSGIVING***

PLANNING AHEAD

Mon. Dec. 8	5-7:30 pm 7:30-10 pm	<i>Winter Wonderland</i>	Tilles Park, Clayton
Sat. Dec. 13	11:30 am	Holiday Party <i>Gift Books for Kids</i>	Highlands in ForestPark