



# IN LEAGUE REPORTER THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METRO ST LOUIS

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**OCTOBER 2015**

## KICKOFF ENERGIZED BY BYNES AND SPENCER RESPONSES

Ferguson Township Democratic Committeewoman Patricia Bynes and St Louis' 20th Ward Alderwoman Cara Spencer educated Leaguers at the annual Fall Kickoff September 16th. Both women discussed the current situation and future possibilities for their constituents and the greater St. Louis area. Following a short statement, League members posed a variety of questions.

Both women expressed concern for the issues of police response, education, jobs, guns, drugs and getting citizens registered and to the polls. Alderwoman Spencer shared the particular concerns of her ward, including public facilities, schools, jobs and voter turnout. Her ward has the lowest voter turnout rate in the city. In her short time in office, she has facilitated the reopening of the Marquette public swimming pool, an important resource



*L. Committeewoman Patricia Bynes, R. Alderwoman Cara Spencer*



*League Member Gwen Moore poses a question*

for her community. Committeewoman Bynes has been a go-to media person for the Ferguson community. She has been active in setting up summer and tutoring programs for young people, as well as encouraging participation in government at all levels.

Volunteering in various youth programs, staying active on social media, and continuing to actively support the Ferguson and St. Louis communities was stressed by Bynes and Spencer. Their intelligence and enthusiastic dedication to the problems facing us shine some hope on the problems confront our region.

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### Theatre Party Oct. 24th

Reservations are due Oct. 10th for this year's event, featuring the Stray Dog Theatre production "Dog Fight". This event is the main fund raiser for the LWVMetroSTL and we depend on our members and friends for support. Join us for appetizers and wine at 1pm followed by the musical production at 2pm. *Dogfight* is a musical with music and lyrics by [Benj Pasek & Justin Paul](#). Become a sponsor and support the League, See more information on p. 8.

### LWV of Missouri Fall Conference

**Saturday, November 7, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m. (registration) to 3:00 p.m.**  
**State Fair Community College**  
**Thompson Conference Center,**  
**Sedalia**

A variety of workshops and information sessions will be offered, including: Money in Politics Study; Upcoming legislative session; Nick LaStrata, Pettis County Clerk; Silent Auction Fundraiser. Total Cost = \$20 For more information, see [lwwmissouri.org](#) or call the League office at 314.961.6869. Join Missouri LWV Leaguers!

## It's Fall and We are Off and Running!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Kickoff September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Eve Golden, the venue was inviting and the food wonderful. As we looked around so many of you were busy catching up with each other and sharing intelligent insights about current happenings. I think you will agree that Patricia Bynes and Cara Spencer are two young women we are going to hear a lot more about. We commend them for the work they are doing on the front lines of our community and are more committed than ever to be right there with them.

October is going to be a busy month for us. We start off with a Volunteer picnic lunch at Lafayette Park in St. Louis City to honor our volunteers who put in many hours doing important work. When we share with our non-League friends what our volunteers do, they are amazed. And then, of course, we gently try to recruit them to join us! Unit meetings begin in October with excellent presentations on "Money and Politics" and a discussion that will help us get prepared for the LWVUS study consensus. Mickey Croyle and Linda McDaniel have been hard at work on this important issue. Invite a friend to come with you to one of our four unit meetings. It is a great topic.

We still need volunteers for the morning shift of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Housing Authority Elections. Please contact Barbara Harris at volunteer@lwwstl.org or the League office at 314.961.6869 to help out. You get to meet very interesting people and catch up on your reading or other hobbies. The Housing Authority counts on us, so let's chip in. It is also a fundraiser for the League.

October 24<sup>th</sup> is the annual Theatre Party. It is going to be a great production of the Vietnam era play "Dogfight" at the Stray Dog Theatre. If you haven't made your reservations yet, the deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Think about being a sponsor or adding a donation to your ticket price. This is our major fundraiser and 2016 is going to be a very big year!

Enjoy the cooler weather. Get involved.

Linda McDaniel

Kathleen Farrell

Co-Presidents

### 2015-2016 LWVMetroSTL BOARD of DIRECTORS

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### LWVSTL Chicken Salad *First Served at Sydell Shayer's Home*

- 2 cups cooked, diced chicken breasts
- 4 scallions, diced
- 1 cup diced water chestnuts
- 2 cups cooked rice, room temp
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup chutney--buy or make\*
- 1 tsp curry powder or to taste
- 1 tsp salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 c red seedless grapes

*This recipe was requested by several who enjoyed it at the Volunteer Luncheon, prepared by Becky Clausen.*

Combine: chicken, scallions and water chestnuts with rice. In a separate bowl, combine mayonnaise, chutney, curry, salt and pepper. Mix well. Thoroughly combine mayo dressing with chicken, rice and grapes. Chill. Adjust seasoning if desired.

\*Speedy peach chutney

- 1 10 oz frozen pack peaches, drained, thawed, chopped coarsely
- 1 tsp lime or lemon juice

**VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON AT LAFAYETTE PARK**

The chilly temperature and fall breezes didn't dampen the spirits of the attendees at the Volunteer Luncheon on October 2nd. The Park House at Lafayette park provided the perfect setting. Pat Jones, Becky Clausen, Kathleen Farrell and Linda McDaniel provided the lunch and arrangements, complemented by Mickey Croyle's delicious treats. Volunteers for the Voter Guide, Voter Registration, Speakers Bureau, Unit Leadership, Office Assistance and more enjoyed the time to share and socialize. Regretfully we don't have pictures of everyone there.



Sydell I. Mickey c. Julie r. Gwen  
Shayer Hall Behrens Moore



Judith Smart  
Nancy Price  
Eve Golden



Debby & Jack Howard



Liz & Rick Aurbach  
Pat Jones



Billie Teneau I.  
Alan Renford r.

Rebecca I. Now

Agnes r. Garino



Carol I. Strawbridge  
Beverly r. Dummett



Linda McDaniel I. {CoPres} Kathleen Farrell r.

If you missed the two earlier articles about this study, check it out on the LWV Metro website: [www.lwvstl.org](http://www.lwvstl.org)

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## LWVUS MONEY IN POLITICS REVIEW AND UPDATE: BACKGROUND LWV POSITION

So, why is the League updating the position on campaign finance? Our current position dates back to the 1970s and predates Supreme Court decisions that changed campaign finance law significantly. The current update will address a gap in our current position. It aims to get League member understanding and agreement as to the extent to which our organization believes that financing a political campaign is speech protected by the First Amendment. Leagues are being asked to consider through the consensus process: the rights of individuals and organizations to express their political views through the financing of political campaign activities; and how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current LWV position:

*Statement of Position on Campaign Finance, as Announced by National Board, January 1974 and Revised March 1982:*

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. *This position is applicable to all federal campaigns for public office — presidential and congressional, primaries as well as general elections. It also may be applied to state and local campaigns.*

The current League position takes a collective approach to financing political campaigns. It focuses on achieving political equality in areas of combating corruption and undue influence, ensuring equitable competition, and protecting the rights of citizens to know and to fully participate. This position has enabled the League to advocate strongly for transparency in campaign finance and against big money and its influence on elections and government.

But there are still questions to consider and this is why we are studying the issue: What about the First Amendment interests of candidates and donors particularly as compared with equitable competition; preventing corruption and undue influence; enhancing voter participation? These are questions that the position update is considering.

The First Amendment has been at the center of the campaign finance debate since the 1970s. A key provision says, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press...” Before the 1970s, the Supreme Court rarely heard cases on campaign finance regulation. But the issue of money in politics has a long history in the U.S. The 1907 Tillman Act banned contributions from national banks and corporations, in response to corruption in the Gilded Age. The 1947 Taft Hartley Act extended the ban to labor unions. The 1971 Federal Election Campaign Act and its 1974 amendments put further restrictions on campaign contributions and spending, expanded disclosure, and created the Federal Election Commission to oversee compliance. The 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (McCain-Feingold) tried to remedy the explosion of soft money we saw in the 1980s and 1990s.

The activities that the Court focused on largely involve free speech. Election campaigns develop messages for publication, from speeches and debates to paid advertising in various media. Money is required to coordinate the messaging and pay for the advertising. Under the Court’s approach, a system of campaign finance protects the rights of a candidate to disseminate her message as well as the rights of her donors to express their own views through her message -- It also protects the rights of other political actors who may wish to make election expenditures independent of the candidates or to advocate in support or opposition to particular public policy issues. To the Court, this campaign speech (as opposed to campaign finance) is central to American democracy and is what the First Amendment was designed to protect. Whatever else it may or may not have done, the Supreme Court’s decisions in the 2010 *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and 2014 *McCutcheon, et al. v. FEC* cases galvanized the campaign finance reform movement. Any education and discussion of these issues must attempt to be comprehensive, which means complex.

From the LWVUS Money in Politics Study

## ADVOCACY: ENVIRONMENT QUALITY

### TAKE ACTION: SUPPORT THE EPA'S METHANE POLLUTION REGULATION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed the first-ever pollution standard for new and modified oil and gas facilities. This is a big deal — right now, the oil and gas industry is leaking millions of tons of methane and other toxic chemicals into the air. The proposed rule would help rein them in.

**Tell the EPA's administrator, Gina McCarthy, you support the regulation to mitigate climate change and protect the air we breathe by cutting methane emissions.**

This regulation is a critical part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 40 percent by 2025. Throughout the country, methane and other harmful substances are released and allowed to leak from wells, compressors, and pipelines, among other sources throughout the oil and gas sector. These methane gas emissions are substantial — about one-third of the total U.S. methane emissions. Tightly regulating this methane is absolutely critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting public health. And cutting methane emissions will save energy since escaping natural gas is composed mainly of methane.

**These regulations are an important step forward to protect public health and our planet. Thank the EPA for their efforts to protect our children by cutting methane emissions.**

Curbing methane is a "win-win-win-win" that can save fuel, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and improve pipeline safety. Doing so is a critical near-term step toward implementation of the Climate Action Plan and continued U.S. leadership on climate protection and healthier air.

The EPA has begun accepting public comments on this proposal. As the oil and gas industry prepare an army of lobbyists and lawyers to oppose the rule, we have to make sure pro-environment voices are heard, loud and clear at the EPA.

**Join the League of Women Voters and thank Administrator McCarthy for protecting public health and our environment, and tell the EPA that you support a strong methane pollution standard.**

**On the LWVUS webpage** there is a sample letter and form you can submit at

[http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=11619](http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=11619)

LWVMetroSTL EQ Committee



**Citizens for Global Solutions  
of Greater St. Louis  
Presents: *Addressing Challenges:  
Facing Spaceship Earth***

Sunday, October 25, 2015 – 2:00-7:00

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

5007 Waterman Blvd., at Kingshighway; St. Louis, MO 63108

ASSEMBLY HALL-LOWER LEVEL

**FEATURED SPEAKER: LEILA SADAT**

Variety of sessions For more information contact: [JTGates@aol.com](mailto:JTGates@aol.com)

**We want your ideas!  
How can we best  
Communicate with you,  
Our League Members?**

Come, share your ideas with the League  
Ad Hoc Publications/Communications  
Committee—  
Agnes Garino, Eve Golden,  
Gwen Moore and Nancy Miller

**Thurs. Oct. 15 11:30—12:30  
League Office  
8706 Manchester Rd., Ste. 104  
Brentwood, just east of Arby's**

**Bring Your Brown Bag lunch  
Goodies & Drinks provided**

**Other ways to share your ideas**  
League Communications Survey  
See October **In League Reporter**  
Respond to survey monkey online  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SC98XW6>  
Email to [algarino@sbdglobal.net](mailto:algarino@sbdglobal.net)  
Mail to LWV office  
Before Oct. 23rd.

**WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE FORUM**

**Sponsored By  
Ferguson-Florissant AAUW**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015  
10:00-11:30 am  
(Refreshments at 9:30)**

**Ferguson First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
401 Darst, Ferguson  
(Park in Rear Parking Lot)**

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**PARTICIPATING LEGISLATORS  
WILL REVIEW THE UPCOMING  
MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS  
IT  
RELATES TO ISSUES AFFECTING  
WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**GET INVOLVED!**

Speakers Bureau season fast approaching and we are anticipating an increase in requests. Be part of this interesting and fun information outreach of the League. We will provide training for new speakers and match you with a mentor as you begin. If interested, contact the League office or send an email to [NancyMiller@lwvstl.org](mailto:NancyMiller@lwvstl.org). Be part of the Solution!!



**2015-2016 LWV STUDY: MONEY & POLITICS** This is your chance to be a part of the League's work for good government. Mickey Croyle is heading up the Metro League's study of this all important topic. Call the office if you would like to take part .

314.961.6869

The City of St Louis Housing Authority Elections will be monitored again by the LWVMetroSTL. The League has been asked to monitor these elections for their residences on Thursday, October 22nd. Not only is this an opportunity to tell the community what the League is about, it is also a source of funds for the League. Monitors will work at the Housing Authority election sites for a 3-4 hour shift. For information on how you can participate, call the League office at 314.961.6869 or contact Barbara Harris at [volunteer@lwvstl.org](mailto:volunteer@lwvstl.org).

# SURVEY on League Publications and Communications

The League wants your ideas.

We want to communicate with our members and interested citizens in the ways you find most helpful to you.

Please take just a few minutes to answer the following questions.

## PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1. Do you read these League publications?

“Metro News” (quarterly) !  always  usually  sometimes  never

“In League Reporter” (monthly)  always  usually  sometimes  never

2. Please check all types of articles you are interested in.

“Metro News”  voters service  League news  Voters guides  LWV events

“In League Reporter”  League activities/events  League Studies  Meetings  Issue Information

3. Do you receive the: “Metro News”  via email  in the mail

“In League Reporter”  via email  in the mail

4. Do you use or would you use any or all of these media:

LWVMSTL website: [www.lwvstl.org](http://www.lwvstl.org)

Facebook

Twitter

E-blasts from the League

5. What information - related to the League, government, politics, etc. would you like to receive?

local elections/voters guide  candidate forums

LWVUS /Education Fund news

League issues such as

environmental quality  education  health care

international relations  death penalty abolition

state government  local government  transportation

voting rights  money and politics

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative action

Events

Volunteer opportunities

6. How frequently **do you want** to receive information from the League?

weekly  bimonthly  monthly  quarterly  as appropriate

7. Who are the opinion leaders you suggest the League should regularly communicate with?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 8. COMMENTS - OPTIONAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. OPTIONAL Name \_\_\_\_\_

League member  Less than 2 years  2-5 years  6-10 years  10-25 years  More than 25 yrs

Not a League member  government official  supporter  educator \_\_\_\_\_ other

**Thank you for your responses. We'll be using the survey responses to help us plan and improve League publications and other communications.**

Ad Hoc Committee on League Communications/Publications

- Agnes Garino, Eve Golden, Nancy Miller and Gwen Moore

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Media Survey

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**[This article is reprinted from a previous ILR. The information is still current and vital to Health Care]**

Today, more people have health insurance than we could have imagined 20 years ago, yet there are still watchful areas within health care reform. The cost of insurance plans to individuals and businesses should be monitored and prescription costs are at an ever increasing rate.

Opposition to **The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)** still exists. Community Catalyst suggests these five statements that speak to the core of the reform:

- No one can be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition.
- Children can stay on a parent's plan until age 26.
- Preventive care is available without a co-payment.
- There are no lifetime limits on coverage.
- Insurance coverage is no longer dependent on having a job with benefits.

Moving to make improvements is challenging. **Missouri is the only state without required rate disclosure from Health Insurance Companies.** ACA requires rate reviews for increasing premiums. Our Missouri Department of Insurance has not been given authority by the legislature to take any action. Health and Human Services on the federal level may hold hearings if rates increase by 10% or more, but only if asked by queries from residents. There are currently three (3) companies whose anticipated 2016 rates exceed the 10% increase.

**Action to request from our Missouri Legislature:**

- Require Health Insurance Companies to file rates annually.
- Allow the MO Department of Insurance greater authority and oversight of health care plans.

Mega-mergers within the Health Insurance industry may be of concern. This industry points to consumers receiving the value of greater efficiencies, according to an article in the NY Times in early August. If all is approved, these largest companies would control nearly half of the American commercial health insurance market. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities working with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners is not so sure. The Justice Department will also be reviewing each merger.

When Missouri lacks insurance regulation authority, it seems consumers here would be most vulnerable.



*Can you afford your prescriptions?* Consumer Reports and Kaiser Family Foundation (kff.org) have been watching as even generic prices have increased. Polls indicate that more than 50% of Americans take prescriptions. An annual average of \$39 increase of usual cost for prescriptions was reported. One in 10 suggested paying \$100 or more increased annual out-of-pocket.



72% of consumers also report they believe that costs are too high. Would more competition or federal purchasing power be a solution? Medicare could negotiate prices as the largest payer of medication. This would require public demand.

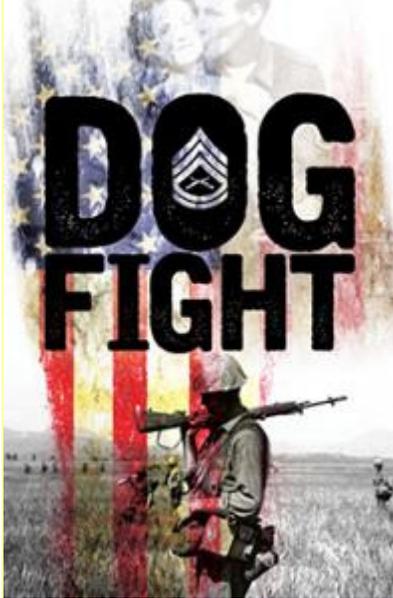
*Other items to share with those who might be affected:*

- Missouri currently has a tax-amnesty period that is expected to generate enough revenue to help fund dental care for Medicaid patients.
- Special Enrollment Periods (SEP) are available for changing circumstances with Marketplace Insurance. These might include having a new baby, marriage, job or salary changes, moving, etc. Check the healthcare.gov website for a full listing.
- Open Enrollment for the next Marketplace begins November 1, 2015 for plans for 2016.

*Dianne Modrell, Health Care Chrm*

# Join us for the League of Women Voters Annual Theatre Party

## “DOG FIGHT”



“An acclaimed musical adaptation of the notable film, three you marines set out on the eve of their deployment in 1963 for one final night...”

Presented by



At the Tower Grove Ab-

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2336 Tennessee Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63104

<http://www.towergroveabbey.org/>

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th, Matinee

*1:00 Hors d'oeuvres*

*2:00 Performance*

The Theatre Party is the major fund raising event of the Metro St. Louis League. We encourage all members and friends of the League to support this entertaining and fun event.

**RSVP by October 10th**

#### *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 October 24th**

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

Or pay online at [www.lwvstl.org](http://www.lwvstl.org)

**COMMITTEES TO RECONVENE IN OCTOBER** *Start the League year off by attending one of the committee meetings!!*

The EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, October 24th. We will meet at 9:30am at the League office. Prior to the 2016 legislative session, the committee will be looking at St. Louis County school districts collaboration efforts with Normandy and Riverview Gardens school districts, the MO Educator Equity Plan, and the possible tobacco tax for early childhood education. There are always interesting issues to learn about share with fellow Leaguers. The committee will be presenting to the Units in November.  
*Marty Ott, Chair, martyott06@yahoo.com*



The ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE will meet on October 13th at 7pm in the League Office.  
*Mickey Croyle, Chair*

The HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE will meet on October 7th from 9:30-11:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 11155 Clayton Road, 63131 (between Lindbergh and Ballas Rd.). We will continue to follow implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. There is a lot going on! Learn with us and be informed.  
*Dianne Modrell, Chair*

The TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE will be meeting on Nov. 5th at 5:30 in the League Office. If you are interested in examining Missouri transportation policies and budget, contact Gwen at 314.874.0711 or gwenmoore@charter.net.  
*Gwen Moore, Chair*

**UNITS WILL RESUME IN OCTOBER. TOPIC WILL BE: Money & Politics; report of study / Elec. Issues** Members are encouraged to read the three background articles that have appeared in the ILR before the meeting

**UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON**

Tuesday, Oct. 13th  
9:30 am

**HOME of CAROL PORTMAN**

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

**WEBSTER/KIRKWOOD**

Wednesday, Oct. 14th  
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, Oct. 8th  
9:30 am

**FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE**

15201 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield  
Leader: Eve Golden 314.469.9985

**ST LOUIS CITY**

Saturday, Oct. 10th  
10:30 am

**TRINITY CHURCH**

Euclid and Washington  
Contact: Kathleen Farrell 314.773.2876

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

**New Members:**

Joyce Kohn  
8 Millstone Campus Dr., # G301  
St. Louis MO 63146-5766

Kim Pastrana  
13536 Pine Wood Trail  
St. Louis MO 63128-3382

Kara White & Alexis White  
1774 Miguel Lane  
Fenton MO 63026-3246

Ellen & Art Hartz  
7450 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis MO 63130-4048

Adelaide Lancaster  
215 Portland Ter.  
St. Louis MO 63119-3803

Brooke Bribiesco  
1129 Putter Lane  
St. Louis MO 63132-3806



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**VOLUNTEERS**

Our volunteer appreciation lunch was held on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>; a small token of our appreciation for all you do for the League. We will be monitoring a Housing Authority election of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and will need volunteers to staff the voting locations. Our volunteer coordinator is always happy to add another name to our volunteer list. If you have some time to donate to the League contact Barbara Harris. Her email address is [volunteer@LWVstl.org](mailto:volunteer@LWVstl.org)

Our volunteers since our last newsletter include: Liz Aurbach, Stephen Aylward, Stefany Brot, Lori Calcaterra, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Mickey Croyle, Sue Dellbringge, Joan Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Eve Golden, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Ginny Hartley, Jim Hartley, Debby Howard, Nancy Hutchins, Pat Jones, Kathleen Lottenbach, Renate Lytle, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Dianne Modrell, Gwen Moore, Carolyn Nolan, Carol Portman, Nancy Price, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Catherine Stenger, Billie Teneau, Pam Todorovich, K Wentzien, Kara White, 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 we neglected to list your name please let us know and we will thank you in the next newsletter.

Julie Behrens, Staff

**From the Executive Director's Desk**



It seems the presidential election is upon us. League members include more than the average number of political junkies, so I think you are also paying attention already. What does it mean that so many people identify with the "outsiders" in the race. Has political strategy endangered policy conversation and plain speech in mainstream candidates? How can we connect with people who care about their country but no longer trust the politicians?

*Anna Mennerick*



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**OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR**

|        |              |             |                                            |                           |
|--------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wed.   | Oct 7th      |             | Last Day to Register for November Election |                           |
| Wed.   | Oct 7th      | 9:30am      | Health Committee                           | Faith Presbyterian        |
|        | Oct 8th—14th |             | Unit Meetings Money & Politics             |                           |
| Tues.  | Oct 13th     | 7:00pm      | Environmental Quality Committee            | League Office             |
| Thurs. | Oct. 15th    | 11:30-12:30 | Publications/Communications Committee      | League Office             |
| Thurs. | Oct 22nd     | 8am-5pm     | St Louis Housing Authority Elections       | Various Housing Locations |
| Sat.   | Oct 24th     | 9:30am      | Education Committee                        | League Office             |
| Sat.   | Oct 24th     | 1:00PM      | Annual Theatre Party "Dog Fight"           | Stray Dog Theatre         |
| Wed.   | Oct 28th     | 6:00pm      | Board Meeting                              | League Office             |

**PLANNING AHEAD**

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| Thurs. | Nov 5th  | 5:30pm   | Transportation Committee | League Office |
| Sat.   | Nov 7th  | 9:00am   | Statewide Conference     | Sedalia       |
| Mon.   | Nov 30th | 10am-7pm | Plowshares               | Kirkwood      |
| Sat.   | Dec 5th  |          | Holiday Luncheon         | Forest Park   |