



IN LEAGUE REPORTER – APRIL 2010
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS
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From the President:

To say it has been a busy March would be an understatement. I am surprised there has not been a news alert about the unusual noises and buzzing coming out of an office on Manchester. Between the number of people making phone calls, clicking on computers, and consulting each other, the office was a beehive of activity for about three weeks. All of this resulted in a very successful accomplishment: 300,000 people will receive the April Voter Guide with their newspapers this weekend.

The Voter Guide is finished and is on the Post Dispatch web site. We also have the 10,000 print copies to distribute to libraries, Schnucks stores and other places. There were more than 40 people doing various jobs for the Guide. They put in more than 300 hours for a volunteer value of \$6,000. Thank you, thank you to the many who volunteered your time. I could not begin to name names, other than the fearless leader Kathleen Farrell who kept us on task so that we met all deadlines.

That is not all that was going on in the office this month. We also received twelve requests to do candidate forums, and 48 League members conducted those forums.

A few reminders for you:

- Vote April 6th. (St. Louis City residents should encourage county friends to vote)
- Vote Yes on the County Proposition A, Metro
- Fill in and mail your census form
- Thank Congressmen Clay and Carnahan for their votes on health care

Register to attend the League’s **90th Anniversary Celebration on April 24th**.

Register to attend **LWV St. Louis Annual Meeting on May 8**.

See you there,

Linda C. McDaniel

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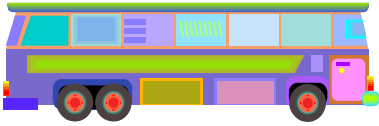
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CALENDAR					
Tues.	April 6	6 am-7pm	Election Day	p. 2	
Thurs.	April 8	10:30am	Health Care Committee	p. 6	Cape Albion
Fri.	April 9	11:30am	International Relations Lunch	p. 6	Olympia
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Tues.	April 13	5:30 pm	Environmental Quality Comm.	p. 6	League Office
Sat..	April 17	9:30 am	Education Committee	p. 6	League Office
Sat.	April 24	11 am	90th Birthday LWV	p. 3	Golf Clubhouse, Forest Park
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APRIL 6 ELECTIONS!!!

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS **PROPOSITION A** ON THE APRIL 6 BALLOT IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY



The one half cent sales tax for Metro would:

- Restore the cuts to service made in 2009 and expand services.
- Help protect our environment and conserve fuel by providing an alternative to automobiles.
- Provide access to jobs, health care, services and recreation for the transit dependent.
- Help the disabled participate in the life and activities of the community.

For more information on the League position go to www.lwvstl.org under Action/Advocacy or the March, 2010 *In League Reporter*

For more information on the campaign for Proposition A go to www.advancestlouis.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES “Strength in Numbers”

New Members:

Ellen Alper
100 Saylesville Dr.
Chesterfield MO 63017-3456
314-579-0940

Ruth Keenoy
5229 Oleatha Ave.
St. Louis Mo 63139-1337
314-353-7992

Rhoda Womack
10408 Ashby Pl.
St. Ann MO 63074-3500
314-428-2786

Mary Kofron
8836 Rock Forest Dr.
St. Louis MO 63123
314-843-9452

Kellie Shelton
10601 Moidart Circle
St. Louis MO 63137-3800
314-867-2838

Address Change:

Nancy Thompson
2618 Margarete Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63143-2199



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thanks to the Leaguers who worked in the office this past month. Besides our regulars (Esther Clark, Betty Ann Gilbert and Mickey Hall), we had a terrific response to help with the voter guide (working in the office and at home) and to cover the office when needed. If we have forgotten anyone it was an oversight not an intended slight. Our volunteers: Linda McDaniel, Becky Clausen, Kathleen Farrell, Katharine Kilpatric, Kathleen Kelly, Marj Courtney, Nancy Bowser, Lolly Wehrli, Doris Buzzell, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sue Dellbringge, Brenda Banjak, Janice Dahl, Pat Jones, Lori Calcaterra, Marty Ott, Louise Reeves, Nancy Miller, Erin Tremain, Brenda Tremain, and Flo Saeger. **This is important work! We could not have done it without YOU.**

Julie Behrens, Staff

UPCOMING EVENTS



90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF *The Women's Right to Vote Amendment* And *The Founding of the League of Women Voters*

On April 24th, from 11am until 3 pm, the League of Women Voters of Missouri will hold a celebration luncheon for all League members and guests. The luncheon will be at the Golf Club House, 6131 Lagoon Drive in Forest Park. This anniversary celebration will

include honoring one Outstanding League Member by each Missouri League. In addition, the Rachel Farr Fitch Health Care Award will be given to an individual or group that has done outstanding work in the field of health care. While the service or activity does not have to be a League project, it must be compatible with LWV ideals and not in conflict with our program positions.

Anticipated for many months, the drawing for the Historic Quilt raffle will reward one lucky ticket holder with the Historic Quilt representing famous women in the suffrage movement and the continued fight for women's rights. The quilt to be awarded on April 24th includes St. Louis suffragist Phoebe Wilson Couzins. A similar quilt will be awarded at the LWVUS Convention in Atlanta in June includes Mrs. Frank Leslie. The quilt blocks were made by League members and friends of the League across the state of Missouri. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the League office or at the luncheon.

The main presentation, "Women: Then, Now and Tomorrow," will include three accomplished Missouri women: Ms. Jo Mannies of the St. Louis Beacon; Ms. Vivian Eveloff, from the Sue Shear Institute at UMSL; and Dr. Catherine Rymph, Associate Professor in the History Department at the UM at Columbia.

Reservations, luncheon selections, and payment need to be at the League office by April 15. Tickets will be held at the registration desk. Further information made be found at lwvmissouri.org



APRIL Unit Meetings

(Topic - Unit choice – all are invited. You are welcome to try a couple this month!)

CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR THURSDAY MORNING UNIT

We are pleased to have Sam Page, physician and former state representative as our guest at the April 8 Thursday morning Chesterfield/Creve Coeur unit meeting. He will give a brief presentation, answer our League related questions on health care policy, and discuss what it is like to be a state representative. We expect this to be an exchange of concerns and ideas which

will help us to be effective advocates.

An added bonus is that the Thursday unit serves lunch to all who wish to stay after the formal portion of the meeting. Please call 314.434.5116 or e-mail slshay@sbcglobal.net to rsvp. *Sydell Shayer, hostess and Mary Brown, leader*

WEBSTER/KIRKWOOD THURSDAY EVENING UNIT

Please join us on April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the League office to hear guest speaker, Linda C. McDaniel, LWV St. Louis co-president. The topic is “Suffragettes and the Early Days of the League of Women Voters.”

Esther Clark, Unit Leader

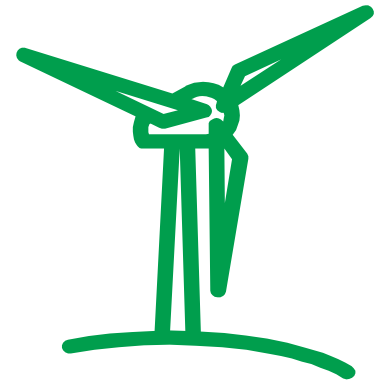
UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON TUESDAY DAY UNIT

Everyone is invited to hear League member Leslie Lihou present: **ORGANIC FOODS: What you always wanted to know about organic foods---how to purchase and grow.** Tuesday April 13th at 9:30

WEBSTER/KIRKWOOD WEDNESDAY DAY UNIT

Please join us on April 14 to hear two exceptionally knowledgeable and interesting speakers!!

Jan Christian Andersen is the Director of Corporate Communication for Wind Capital Group, a St. Louis based wind energy developer founded in 2005 by Tom Carnahan. Wind Capital Group is currently developing utility-scale wind projects in more than 12 states across the Midwest. With offices in St. Louis, Chicago and Madison, WI., they are considered one of the fastest growing companies of its kind. Currently, Wind Capital Group is developing a 150 MW wind project in Northwest Missouri. At \$340,000,000, it is the single largest private investment in this technology in Missouri this year. Mr. Andersen’s areas of responsibility include Public & Government Affairs, Community Outreach, Marketing and Business Development.



Energy Auditor, Kellye Markowski, will speak on the topic of energy usage including: the real price of energy, sustainability in our homes, and the impact we can have on the environment as well as our pocketbook by making small, but important changes. How much energy are we really using when we turn on a light bulb? Do I need to replace all my windows to make my home energy efficient? The presentation will include information regarding behind the scenes energy efficiency measures in our state and how we can make the most of these opportunities.

Mary Long, Unit Leader

ST. LOUIS CITY SATURDAY DAY UNIT

On Saturday, April 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Center for Women in Transition will present “Bridging Home” a program about the organization’s mission and programs featuring one of the mentees, a board member and the Center’s Executive Director. The Center for Women in Transition provides tools, supports and resources to help women who have recently been released from jail/prison. Through participation in this program these women are able to make positive choices, achieve meaningful goals and be accountable for past actions.

The organization provides its clients with a wide array of referrals and services that help women achieve stable housing and employment, reunification with family and freedom from addiction. One key to the program’s success is a one-on-one mentoring program in which each client is matched with a volunteer mentor who offers guidance and hope for a brighter future during a one-year partnership.

As a direct result of these services, clients exhibit a substantially lower rate of recidivism than state averages, resulting in improved self-image for the women, stability for their children and families, and safer communities. There will be time for discussion and questions.

UNIT SCHEDULE

CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR THURSDAY DAY UNIT

Thursday, April 8
9:30 a.m. meeting
Noon salad lunch (please rsvp)

HOME OF SYDELL SHAYER

709 Champeix Lane
314.434.5116
Leader: Mary Brown
636.532.0833

Directions: From 270 take Ladue Road west 1.4 miles to Chasselle, Right on Chasselle, at 2nd circle, turn right on Champeix, 5th house on the right. White house with red sculpture

THURSDAY NIGHT UNIT

Thursday, April 8
7:00 p.m.

LEAGUE OFFICE

8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104
314.961.6869
Leader: Esther Clark
314.416.0366

Directions: South side of Manchester Road ½ mile east of Brentwood

ST. LOUIS CITY SATURDAY DAY UNIT

Saturday, April 10
10:30 a.m.

TRINITY CHURCH

Euclid and Washington
Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert
314.773.8719
or Kathleen Farrell
314.773.2876

Directions: Corner of Euclid and Washington, one block east of Kingshighway, one block south of Delmar

For ride or more information contact Betty Ann or Kathleen

UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON TUESDAY DAY

Tuesday, April 13
9:15 a.m. coffee
9:30 a.m. meeting

HOME OF ELISE JOERGER

7136 Kingsbury
314.725.4829
Leader: Carol Portman
314.726.3269

Directions: North on Big Bend, 1st stoplight past Forest Park Parkway, turn left, 2nd block on left.

WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD WEDNESDAY DAY UNIT

Wednesday, April 14
9:30 a.m. meeting

HOME OF Janis Pappilo

9450 Green Park Valley Dr.
314.448.0055
Leader: Mary Long
314.849.7045

Directions: Gravois to Musick, cross Hwy 21 and Musick becomes Green Park. Rt. at light onto Kohrs to Green Park Valley Drive.

COMMITTEES AT WORK

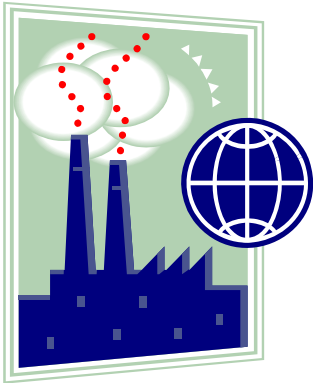


HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The Health Care Committee will meet in April on Thursday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at Cape Albeon in the Family Dining Room. Anyone needing directions can call Katharine at 636.8671.7148.

Katharine Kilpatric, Chair

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE



The Environmental Quality Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 5:30 pm at the League office, 8706 Manchester Rd. Suite 104, Brentwood, MO.

Nancy Bowser, Chair

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

GYRO and/or DOLMA, ANYONE?

The International Relations Committee invites all Leaguers, friends, spouses, and significant others to our annual foreign food adventure. We have tried African (Somali) and Asian (Afghan, Indian, and Iranian); now we're moving to European, i.e., Greek. On April 9, at 11:30, we plan to have lunch at **Olympia**, 1543 McCausland, between Manchester and Hwy 40 and convenient for city and county people alike. Everyone will order off the menu. Parking is across the street from the restaurant.

Call me (314-846-5927) by April 5 if you plan to join us; Olympia would like to know how many tables we need. Please come for good food and lots of socializing.

Judith Smart, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the League's Education Committee will be on April 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the League Office. The new focus for the committee is Civic Education. Hope to see all who are interested. For more information please e-mail Marty at mrulo@att.net.

Marty Rulo, Chair

Consensus Statement / Position on No Excuse Absentee Voting/Early Voting study.

The League of Women Voters of Missouri Program Position in Brief: Support absentee voting, advance voting and measures that facilitate participation in the election process. Adopted March, 2010.

The League of Women Voters of Missouri supports:

No excuse by mail or in person absentee voting.

- Maintaining the practice of a permanent absentee disabled voter list.
- Clear and concise instructions to minimize spoiled and uncountable ballots.
- Adequate state funding for elections; elections should be a funded mandate.

Early, in-person voting, also referred to as advance voting.

- Centralized voting via Voter Centers, i.e. combined precincts, satellite or super precincts where any registered Missouri voter can cast a ballot.
- Election consolidation by moving special elections to primary and general election days

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS

Providing information to the public so voters can make educated decisions at the polls --this is what we do. The League is an organization comprised of many individuals who are energized by many different issues. Our recent collaboration with the Post-Dispatch to produce a Voter Guide has demonstrated how broad and deep our support for informing the electorate truly is. On behalf of the candidates who participated, I will pass on their thanks for giving them the opportunity to make a case for their candidacy. We hope also to be rewarded by better government based on the informed choices of local voters.

Throughout the process of putting the Voter Guide together, we experienced a flurry of activity, bins filled with letters, volumes of information, a chorus of phone calls, piles of pastries and at every step volunteers willing to say "Yes" when asked to help make it happen. This was my first experience with this side of the Voter Guide and I have been in equal measure thrilled and exhausted by the endeavor. The League of Women Voters of St. Louis should be proud of what we have accomplished together.

Anna Mennerick

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In memory of Lucy Hale from Betty Ann Gilbert to LWV St. Louis.



MAY 8th

PRESENTATION
2:45pm

HAITI MAMBA MIRAK.

A special presentation on Haiti and the "Peanut Butter Miracle", by award-winning filmmakers Lori Dowd and Frank Popper.

An eye-opening and empowering presentation about medical innovators, social entrepreneurs and the business behind the fight against global malnutrition. Popper and Dowd will reveal the struggles, realities, perseverance and basic survival of the passionate team that strives to help thousands of children with a revolutionary peanut butter supplement.

Date & Time:

Saturday, May 8th

Meeting begins at 1:30 pm

Haiti presentation will begin at 2:45 pm

Place:

Center of Clayton

50 Gay Avenue, Clayton, Missouri, 63105

Reservations:

Cost is \$10 per person

Payment must be received by May 3rd

Please send check to:

St. Louis League of Women Voters

8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104

St. Louis, MO 63144

Questions:

For more information,
please contact the League
office at 314-961-6869



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

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*Reservation for May 8, League of Women Voters of St. Louis Annual Meeting
"Haiti: Mamba Mirak" by Lori Dowd and Frank Popper
1:30 Annual Meeting
2:45 Presentation*

Name(s) _____

Number of Reservations _____

Amount included (\$10 each) _____

Tickets will be held at the reservation desk.

Return this form with the amount indicated to:
LWV St. Louis 8706 Manchester Ste. 104 St. Louis MO 63144 by May 3rd.
Questions: 314.961.6869.

*League of Women Voters of Missouri
90th Anniversary Luncheon Reservation
Saturday, April 24th, 2010 11:00 a.m.*

Names/Tickets @ \$40 _____ \$ _____

Entrée choices: _____ Chicken Picatta
_____ Pan Seared Salmon
_____ Pesto Tortellini

Anniversary contribution to: LWV Missouri \$ _____
LWVMO Education Fund \$ _____

Total Payment enclosed \$ _____

Tickets will be held at the reservation desk.

Return this form with the amount indicated to LWVMO, 8706 Manchester Ste. 104 St. Louis MO 63144 by April 15th. Questions: 314.961.6869.



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