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Advocacy is an essential role of the League of Women Voters. We advocate on the positions we have thoroughly studied and come to consensus on at the national, state and local level. At the state and national level, members speak before legislative committees and hearings, contact individual members of congress and the legislature, and write position papers on current issues. It is extremely important for members to participate by contacting their elected officials, also. Legislative Updates are written by our member advocates; email and printed copies may be requested from the office.

Helpful numbers and sites:

ST LOUIS CITY

St Louis City Board of Elections 314.622.4336
 St Louis City Board of Aldermen 314.622.3287
 St Louis Mayor's Office 314.622.3201

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 St Louis County Council 314.615.5444
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St. Louis City Board of Elections 314.622.4336
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To find your state senator: http://senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/leg_lookup.aspx

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To send an email: firstname.lastname@senate.mo.gov
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Message From the Presidents:

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The last stack of Voters Guides is delivered and the last candidates' forum is done. Election season is over and we can all catch our breath! We worked very hard this year to serve citizens in our community by providing good quality information and the ability to hear candidates directly answer their questions. For the Guide, 868 candidates from six counties and St. Louis City were invited to participate. We had a heavy response from St. Louis and St. Charles Counties and St. Louis City. In addition to managing the input of candidate data, 78 propositions were researched, written and edited.

There were moments when we thought that we had taken on too many commitments. In the end, the work got done because of the commitment of our members.

Looking ahead, the League will be meeting with the St. Louis Board of Elections to establish a working relationship and make suggestions about improving the election process in St. Louis City.

As we prepare for the April 27th Annual Meeting, let's think about why the League is important to us and where we want our organization to be in the future. Let us each commit to bring in 1-2 new members this coming year. Where else can you find intelligent people talking about good government and working to make our democracy work?

LEAGUE IN THE NEWS

- * **Post-Dispatch:** The Editor's column on Sunday, March 17, 2013 on the PD/ League partnership on the voters Guide and our mission to educate voters
- * **Channel 4:** Marc 18, 2013, 10pm news: Interview of Kathleen Farrell on League's position on early voting in Missouri

MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR 2013-2014 OFFICERS AND BOARD

Election of new officers and Board members will take place at the Annual Meeting on April 27th. The Nominating Committee is happy to submit the following nominees to serve on the LWVSTL Board of Directors, all for two-year terms beginning in April 2013. Nominees to be elected to the Nominating Committee, each for a term of one year beginning in April 2013, are included in this slate.

Thank you for giving our committee the opportunity to serve our organization in this capacity.

Chairman Betty Ann Gilbert, Barbara Nagel, Katharine Kilpatric, Eve Golden

Co-Presidents: Linda McDaniel; Kathleen Farrell

1st Vice President: Pat Jones

Secretary: Ella Brown

Directors: Rosalie Brasch

Sydell Shayer

Pat Soraghan

Catherine Stenger

Nominating Committee 2014: Chairman: K Wentzien, members Alfreda Brown and Mary Brown.

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Below are Biographies of members new to the Board.

PAT SORAHAN Prior to 1974 when I joined the Kirkwood/Webster LWV, I had participated with a group of local "Conchs" to establish a provisional LWV in Key West, Florida. (People who are born in KW are referred to as conchs.) I believe that League may still exist After retiring from my teaching career (teaching history in Webster Groves, Branford, Connecticut, and 23 yrs at Kirkwood High School plus being an adjunct at Webster University and Washington University). I returned to active status in the LWV StL. I have recently served on the International Relations Committee and the Education Committee and worked on the Civility Project. In addition to my interest in LWV, I also am at docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth Park in Kirkwood.

ROSALIE BRASCH At the age of 83, I am involved in several programs in St. Louis and the County. By far, my greatest interest lies in education of children. I received a degree in early childhood education from the University of Missouri at the age of 39. Volunteering in a program in the public elementary schools of St. Louis called Reading Is Fundamental for over 45 years has made it possible for me to interact with children while they select a book to take home. The Oasis program at Craig School in the Parkway School District has been very satisfying to me, .as are.. the weekly visits I have with a group of students in University City, previously Delmar-Harvard Elementary and now Barbara Jordan. The League of Women Voters has been a very exciting organization for me to participate in and learn so much.

League of Women Voters of St. Louis
Proposed 2013-2014 budget

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	Proposed budget 2013-2014
Income	
4000 · Contributions members	6,500
4010 · Contributions - non members	2,000
4050 · Dues	20,000
4300 · Tributes and Bequests	5,000
4700 · Voters services contributions	750
5400 · Theater party - net	
5401 · Sponsors non deductible	4,500
5402 · Ticket Sales	650
5403 · Donations	300
5404 · Silent Auction	200
5405 · Theater Party Expenses	(1,000)
5400 · Theater party - net - Other	
Total 5400 · Theater party - net	4,650
5410 · STL Housing Authority - net	
5420 · Tailgate & book Sale - net	500
5440 · Product Sale - net	400
5450 · Kickoff meeting - net	-
5460 · Holiday meeting - net	-
5470 · Annual meeting - net	-
5600 · Interest & Dividends	50
5910 · Miscellaneous revenue	300
Total Income	40,150
Expense	
6000 · Salary & wages	11,956
6100 · FICA and Medicare	892
6110 · State unemployment	178
xxxx · Benefits allowance	1,200
7050 · Dues & coalitions	200
7060 · Equipment lease	975
7090 · Insurance	200
7110 · IT support	300
7140 · Miscellaneous exp.	100
7150 · Office supplies	750
7160 · Postage	1,200
7170 · Printing	1,220
7175 · Publications/position support	
7180 · Rent	5,000
7190 · Repair, maintenance, cap improv	625
7210 · Telephone/internet	675
7300 · Travel and Meetings Expense	
7301 · Travel / mileage	79
7302 · State convention / council	2,000
7303 · National conv & council	2,000
Total 7300 · Travel and Meetings Expense	4,079
5480 · Recruitment/new member meeting	1,250
5490 · Other meeting - net	150
7310 · National PMP	5,200
7320 · State pledge	4,000
Total Expense	40,150
Net Ordinary Income	

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED TO UNITS IN MARCH

In March the International Relations (IR) Committee reported to the Units the topic of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women – **UN Women** for short. The main topics presented were Economic Empowerment of Women; Health Care, including HIV treatment and prevention and family planning; Migrant Women, including protection, economic suppression and escape from repression; Inclusion in the Peace Process in countries recovering from war; Elimination of all Gender-based Discrimination; Rape as a weapon of aggression in all countries, including the U.S. military; Education, and Opportunities and Pay of women compared to men. The committee brought their knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for this topic to the



Presenters at the Kirkwood/Webster Unit: L to R: Jeanne Morrell-Franklin, Katharine Kilpatric, Lolly Wehrli, Chrm Judith Smart and Pat Soraghan

members and guests present at the Unit meetings.



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2013 SPRING CANDIDATE FORUMS

The very successful St. Louis Mayoral Candidate Forum kicked off the Spring Candidate Forum season. By the time you read this, the League will have coordinated 10 candidate forums leading up to the April election. Another highlight of the season would have to include our first ever invitation to moderate a forum in the Hillsboro School District which resulted in a “road trip” for the volunteers. We also had a packed house at the Kirkwood forum, and continued strong relationships with the Rockwood, Parkway, and Ladue School Districts. Several co-sponsors have shown their appreciation by donating to and joining the League.

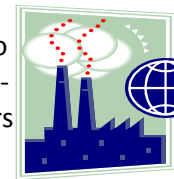
My heartfelt appreciation goes to our wonderful volunteers who continue to make our candidate forums a desirable service during election season. To the following volunteers, I thank you for your willingness to serve: (If I have left anyone out, please let me know and your name will be included in the next newsletter).

Kathleen Farrell, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Nancy Billingham, Becky Clausen, Julian Long, Marjorie Courtney, Lolly Wehrli, Liz Aurbach, Mary Beth Reynolds, Anna Mennerick, Kathy Maret, Eve Maret, Dixie Buford, Alfreda Brown, Lori Calcaterra, Catherine Stenger, Renate Lytle, Judith Smart, Barbara Harris, Debbie Irwin, Carol Teig, Ella Brown, Eve Golden, Elizabeth Jung, Brenda Banjak, Susan Fluegel, Marty Ott, K Wentzlen, Mary Brown, Katharine Kilpatric, Sue Dellbringge, Allison Levin, Darlene Skidis, Nancy Thompson, Carol Portman, Nancy Bowser, Gail Hafer, Sydell Shayer, and Rik Hafer.

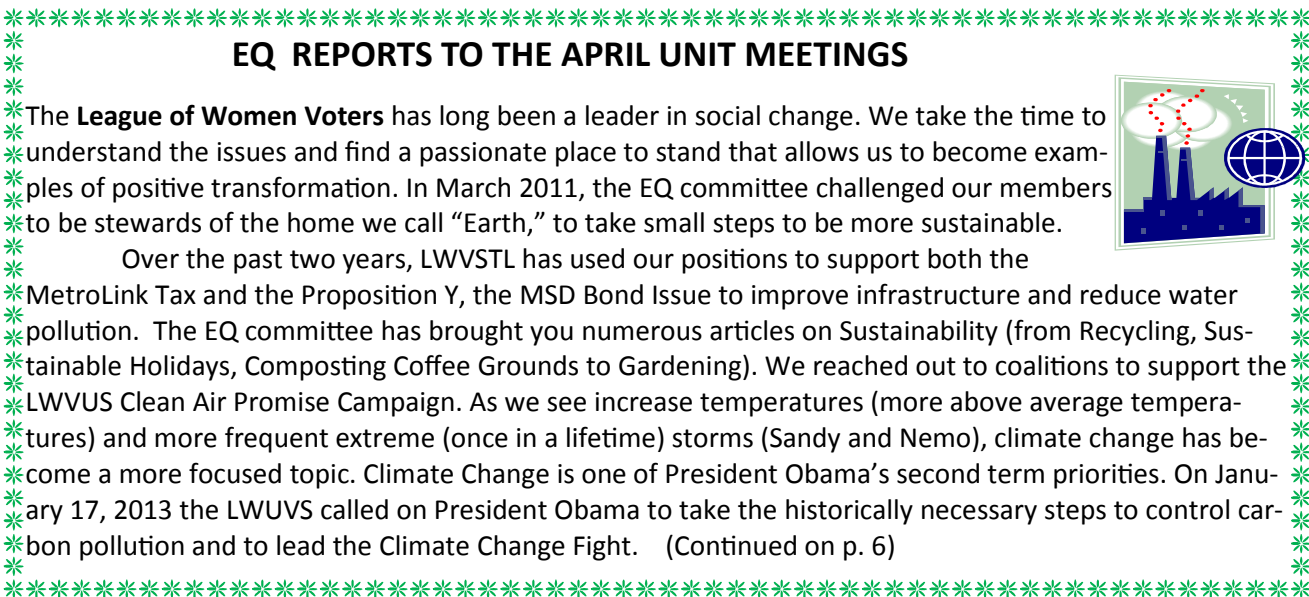
I also thank Julie (Radar O’Reilly) Behrens from the bottom of my heart for all of her help. Pat Jones, LWV Candidate Forums Coordinator

EQ REPORTS TO THE APRIL UNIT MEETINGS

The **League of Women Voters** has long been a leader in social change. We take the time to understand the issues and find a passionate place to stand that allows us to become examples of positive transformation. In March 2011, the EQ committee challenged our members to be stewards of the home we call “Earth,” to take small steps to be more sustainable.

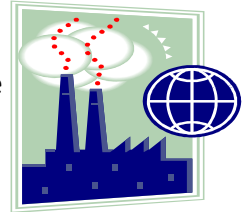


Over the past two years, LWVSTL has used our positions to support both the MetroLink Tax and the Proposition Y, the MSD Bond Issue to improve infrastructure and reduce water pollution. The EQ committee has brought you numerous articles on Sustainability (from Recycling, Sustainable Holidays, Composting Coffee Grounds to Gardening). We reached out to coalitions to support the LWVUS Clean Air Promise Campaign. As we see increase temperatures (more above average temperatures) and more frequent extreme (once in a lifetime) storms (Sandy and Nemo), climate change has become a more focused topic. Climate Change is one of President Obama’s second term priorities. On January 17, 2013 the LWUVS called on President Obama to take the historically necessary steps to control carbon pollution and to lead the Climate Change Fight. (Continued on p. 6)



April Units will be an update on sustainability activity in the greater St Louis Region.

We will expand our focus from us as individuals to the community. Units will feature discussion of what organizations, governments, educational institutions and the private sector are doing to be better stewards of our Planet Earth. We will be asking if you know what your community or groups that you may be involved with are doing to address sustainability. Of course, it all begins with the individual so we will ask if you



have attended any Sustainable Conferences; visited the Earth way Center at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Has climate change become more urgent for you? Have you changed your habits such as: do you use a reusable bag for shopping, have you replaced your old energy inefficient light bulbs with new more energy efficient, do you compost, do you use a rain barrel? Is climate change an important topic for you, your local community, for St Louis County, for St Louis City or the greater St Louis Region? Is it important to improve air quality? Have you run into obstacles in your quest to be more energy efficient that you think the League could address? Is there a need to push forward on climate change or are other issues more important in the present economic environment? ***Come to the April Units to share your thoughts on climate change.***

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CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR

Thursday, April 11th
9:30 am
Noon salad lunch

HOME of SYDELL SHAYER

709 Champeix Lane
314.434.5116
Leader: Eve Golden
314.469.9985

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

ST LOUIS CITY

Saturday, April 13th
10:30 am

TRINITY CHURCH

Euclid and Washington
Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert
314.925.8251

UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON

Tuesday, April 9th
9:30 am

HOME of CAROL PORTMAN

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

WEBSTER/KIRKWOOD

Wednesday, April 10th
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)

City of St Louis: Sustainability Update

Catherine Werner was appointed to the position of the first Sustainability Director of the City of St. Louis in November 2009. She took on the task of developing a sustainability plan; not just environment but about social and economic well-being. For instance, housing values go up if there are nearby trees and grass and play space and health is better in a green environment.

The plan addresses issues in 7 functional categories defined as urban character, empowerment, arts, health, infrastructure, education and prosperity. Within each category there is a goal with specific objectives. There are 317 strategies with potential partners to move towards the goals with both short term to long term time frame for implementation.

This plan was almost two years in the making and included both city departments and stake holders: conferences, public meetings, interviews, surveys, and task forces, were employed. Best practices everywhere were researched. Presented to the City Planning Commission on Nov. 7, the plan will be issued in January 2013 if approved. You may view it on the website--

<http://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/mayor/initiatives/sustainability/plan/index.cfm> .

In its many strategies, whether discussing business opportunity or neighborhoods or recreational facilities, the plan encourages development that enhances the use of public transit, bike and pedestrian activity. One strategy is to avoid development of drive thru facilities and surface parking lots. If built, surface parking lots would incorporate green infrastructure to capture storm water runoff. The plan also encourages communities to improve their own neighborhoods, forming patrols, street sweep groups, beautifying. Proposed in the plan is a smart grid, a Wi-Fi area for the City. Implementation will be discussed in 2013.

In addition to this plan for the future, the city has made strides in sustainability in the past few years. Among these initiatives is the fact that all new municipal buildings meet energy efficiency and green building standards. Also due to Habitat for Humanity's work in St. Louis, the city has one of the highest levels of LEED platinum homes in the country. Street lighting has been made more efficient and city vehicles have telematics systems to provide data that has been used to reduce fuel consumption and emissions. City Garden demonstrates the use of native plants, rain gardens and green roofs. The city has single stream residential recycling and 60 recycling centers. A commuter bike station exists in a downtown location. The City has also passed a no idling ordinance.

Entities, such as East-West Gateway Council, St. Louis City and County and Focus St. Louis, and others in the region are now cooperating and working on a sustainability plan.

By Marilyn Werner, Environmental Quality Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL

Health Care Advocacy

Support the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (ACA - Obamacare) There will be many legislative variations to come through our elected representatives in Jefferson City, but Medicaid Expansion is clearly a State function.

LWV-STL has approved action that will support Medicaid Expansion for full federal reimbursement as well as additional elements of ACA as intended in the law approved in 2009 and upheld by the US Supreme Court June 2012.

- Cover approximately 250,000 additional Missourians through Medicaid Expansion. (Up to 138% FPL)
- Ensure current Children's Coverage at (300% FPL)
- Ensure current Coverage for Pregnancy at 185% FPL, or greater.
- Meet all requirements to gain full federal reimbursement at the start time of JANUARY 2014.

MEDICAID EXPANSION has been called "Transformation" from the majority party in both the House and Senate. The Governor's Budget included the federal reimbursement, but neither the House nor Senate Budget has included the potential millions that could be received as a result of Medicaid Expansion. This clearly affects other budget areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Fully expand requirements for eligible Medicaid population up to the 138% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) which would enable the full federal funding at 100% reimbursement. The reimbursements have a set calendar limit on federal dollars that begins January 2014 for three years. Federal reimbursement would continue at reduced rates after 2017 (approx. 2020 expected to drop reimbursements to 90%). Delay of start date for an expanded population through Medicaid Expansion ("Transformation", currently discussed at 100% FPL) leaves dollars on the table with NO Federal Reimbursement if it does not meet the expansion requirements.

Economic arguments for Expansion:

- Hospitals reimbursed as they lose current "disproportionate share" (DSH) for non-paying patients and gain new Medicaid patients.
- Up to 24,000 jobs retained or created. (Supported by the Hospital Association and most Chamber of Commerce groups)
- Federal money comes into the State. This allows State money for other budgeting purposes.
- Individuals gain a boost in income without extraordinary medical costs and would be able to access health care.

LWV-STL Health Care Committee recommends the following actions:

- LWV- STL members join 1) Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance 2) Missouri Health Care for All and 3) Missouri Medicaid Coalition. (Each organization is without a fee but does provide ongoing, valid information. Vision, Values and Mission Statements of each of these coalitions are available online along with membership sign-up.)
- **Individuals are encouraged to express direct communication to their respective elected representatives. Find out who your representatives are at www.house.mo.gov/sitemap and enter your zip code or at senate.mo.gov. The current session will end May 17. Weekly contact is encouraged.**
- **Letters to the Editor are encouraged.**
- Attend information sessions as a show of support. **APRIL 16 will be a rally in Jefferson City to show support for Medicaid Expansion. Plan to attend and stay over for the lobby day on APRIL 17.**

Submitted by Dianne Modrell, Health Care Committee Chair, LWV-STL, dmodrell@sbcglobal.net

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League of Women Voters of Missouri 61st State Convention

May 4-5, 2013 Capitol Plaza Hotel

Jefferson City, MO

All convention registration forms are due by April 5. Room reservations must be made by April. The registration fee is \$80, which includes the cost of luncheon, banquet, breaks, and materials. Please contact Linda McDaniel or Kathleen Farrell if you are interested in attending. More information may be found at lwvmissouri.org. With its convenient downtown setting, the **Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center Jefferson City** puts you right in the middle of everything you might want to see or do in Missouri's capitol city. Enjoy easy access to the Governor's Mansion and State Capitol building. (Note that this is a change from the original convention location in Columbia). Single and double rooms, and junior suites are \$89.00; King Executive Suites are \$109. Plus a Lodging Fee. (A coupon for breakfast is available for an additional \$10 per person). Free parking at the hotel.

To make reservations at the Capitol Plaza, call: 1-800-338-8088 And mention: *MO League of Women Voters*. When registering mention that LWV is a tax-exempt organization. Their website is: www.capitolplazajeffersoncity.com

RESERVATION DEADLINE at the ABOVE RATES IS APRIL 12, 2013.

If you register online, use this code: **130503THE**

W H N E T G Z - M O C P C

**The World Affairs Council of St. Louis
and The Ethical Society jointly sponsor
The Great Decisions 2013 Series at
The Ethical Society 9001 Clayton Rd., St. Louis MO 63124**



All sessions will follow the same format:
12:00 Noon to 12:15 P.M. Introduction
12:15 to 12:45 Remarks by the moderator
12:45 to 1:15 Q & A followed by a brief summation

There will be light refreshments, no charge and Parking is free.

Topics are as follows:

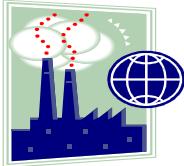
Thurs., April 4, 2013 Intervention Thurs., April 11, 2013 Iran
Thurs., April 18, 2013 China in Africa Thurs., April 25, 2013 Threat Assessment

For more information contact the World Affairs Council of St. Louis, 314.727.9988

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We have completed this year's study topic of **UN Women** with our presentations to the units this past month. At our April meeting we will be searching for another subject to examine in the field of world affairs. Please come join us and provide your input: April 5, 10 a.m. at St Louis County Library HQ on Lindbergh. Everyone's welcome.

Judith Smart, IR Chair



EQ will meet on Tuesday, April 9th, 7pm at the League office to finalize our presentation to the April Unit meetings.

Mickey Croyle, Chair

The **Health Care Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church located at 11155 Clayton Road, 63131. We are continuing our work on Medicaid Expansion and implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA / Obamacare). Please feel free to join us! Dianne Modrell, Chair (314-439-9511 or dmodrell@sbcglobal.net)



The **2013 Membership Committee** is embarking on a strategic membership recruitment drive. Membership is our number one priority for the next four years. We need your help and participation to reach our goals.

Our first meeting will be Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at the League office. We invite you to come to share your ideas, experiences, connections, and dreams for the League.

Please let us know your willingness to attend by Wednesday, April 10.

Catherine Stenger catherine.zoo@hotmail.com

Carol Teig c6441@sbcglobal.net

Sydell Shayer slshay@sbcglobal.net



The **Education Committee** will meet on April 6, 2013 at 9:30 - 11:30 am at the League Office. Amy Blouin, Executive Director, Missouri Budget Project or a staff member is scheduled to meet with us. The topic will be "Taxes and the Impact on Public Education". The League believes equality of opportunity in education is a state responsibility. How well is our state meeting that responsibility? What is the budget outlook for 2014? All League members and guests are welcome.

Last month we had a discussion with Stephanie Tornberg with the St. Louis Junior League and their "Stop Bullying" campaign. Current bills in the state legislature have been filed to implement guidelines for districts to develop policies on bullying both within the school setting and cyber-bullying.

Our LWVSTL Education Committee is interested in informing ourselves and our membership about current issues within our schools, K-12. Please join us!

Marty Ott, Chair martyott06@yahoo.com

JOIN US! APRIL 17th

League of Women Voters of Missouri
American Association of University Women
National Organization for Women

for an exciting

Missouri Legislative Day

and

“EQUAL PAY DAY RALLY”



Location: Missouri Capitol Rotunda

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Plans include: Guest speakers on Pay Equity including
Senators and House Representatives
AND MUCH MORE!**

Following the Rotunda Rally, participants will deliver a “Pay Day” message to the members of the General Assembly.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ENCOURAGED!!! MEN ARE WELCOME, TOO!

On average women make only about 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. Representative Stacey Newman has filed HB 520 to require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish the Equal Pay Commission to study pay equity in Missouri.

*****REMEMBER MARK YOUR CALENDAR- APRIL 17*****

To register for this event, please complete this form and mail to LWVSTL 8706 Manchester Road St. Louis, MO 63144 or e-mail the information to Marty Ott (martyott06@yahoo.com)

You will receive more specific details as plans develop establishing arrival/departure time and arranging for carpools, etc.

Registration for Legislative Day, April 17, 2013

Due by April 10, 2013

NAME(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

Volunteer Driver: YES or NO

Wants to carpool: YES or NO

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST LOUIS
ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2013

**The Highlands Golf and Tennis Center Clubhouse
Forest Park, St. Louis
11:30am - 2:00pm**

**Business Meeting
Buffet Luncheon
Presentation on:
New Legislator in Missouri
Experience**



COST \$20.00

RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 22, 2013

CARPPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED. LOCATED EAST OF THE JEWEL BOX, OFF WELLS DRIVE.

NAME (S) _____

EMAIL _____

RESERVATIONS _____ X \$20 = _____

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For inquiries, Please call the League Office at 314.961.6869

NEW MEMBER:

Renee Marver
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TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis received a contribution in memory of Virginia Boyle, Anna Mennerick's grandmother from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are very busy in the League office working on the Municipal Elections for April 2. The April Voters Guide appeared in the Post-Dispatch on Friday, March 22. The guide is available online. Printed copies are available throughout the area. Special thanks to those who distributed the voter guides. If you have a few extra free hours you can devote to the League we have many opportunities available. Our next projects include the St. Louis League's annual meeting on April 27th and the Missouri State Convention held the first week in May.

Please contact Anna Mennerick at the League office 314.961.6869 to offer your services.

Thanks to those volunteers who helped in March of 2013: Stephen Aylward, Brenda Banjak, Sally Beck, Mary K. Brown, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Sue Dellbringge, Joan Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Eve Golden, Jeff Golden, Lil Goldman, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Ilene Horenstein, Debby Howard, Pat Jones, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Barbara Nagel, Marty Ott, Mary Beth Reynolds, Judith Smart, Pat Soraghan, Catherine Stenger, Carol Teig, K Wentzien and Sue Williams. If we missed anyone please let us know and we will acknowledge you in our next newsletter. Please don't forget to sign the volunteer book in the office so we can keep a good record of our volunteers' hours.



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Julie Behrens, Staff

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Many people don't bother to vote at all. Some people vote for names they recognize, or select names that sound good based on national origin or gender.

The informed, the privileged and empowered voters turn to the League of Women Voters. Our Voters Guide gives detailed information about what is on their ballot, what it means and how their values and opinions can be translated into their own best votes.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make this resource possible. There is no substitute for citizens who want their voices heard. You can be very proud of your part in supporting excellent Voter Service to our community.

LWVMO – SPECIAL REPORT

Final Call to Convention— Updated

Your local League is in the process of making decisions about its voting delegates AND its observers - in a grassroots organization such as the League of Women Voters, everyone has the right and responsibility to be heard. We hope you plan to attend!

Registration

All convention registration forms are due by April 5. Forms for delegates and observers were included in the last Missouri Voter. Please contact your local League chapter president about attending. Everyone who registers will be receiving Convention Workbook #1 with additional information. The registration fee is \$80, which includes the cost of continental breakfast, luncheon, banquet, breaks, and materials.

Hotel Information

With its convenient downtown setting, the **Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center Jefferson City** puts you right in the middle of everything you might want to see or do in Missouri's capital city. Single and double rooms, and junior suites are \$89.00; King Executive Suites are \$109. Plus State Sales Tax and Lodging Fee. (A coupon for breakfast is available for an additional \$10 per person). Free parking at the hotel. To make reservations at the Capitol Plaza, call: 1-800-338-8088 And mention: *MO League of Women Voters*. Their website is: www.capitolplazajeffersoncity.com

If you register online, use this code: **130503THE** Deadline for reservations at this rate: April 12, 2013.

Special Tour of Missouri State Penitentiary

Plan to come on Friday so you can participate in a "More Talking, Less Walking" 2-hour Prison Tour. We have scheduled a special tour for our group for Friday, May 3, from 3-5 p.m. The cost is \$12 per per-son, payable that day. Please indicate on your registration form if you plan to participate. (We need to have a minimum of 15).

Capitol Building Tour

Public tours of the Capitol building are available on a regular schedule. If you are interested in touring the State Capitol as a group of Leaguers, please contact Marilyn McLeod (573-445-3500) or by email Marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com. If there is enough interest we will set up a time for a group of us to go.

And Lots More!

Special guest speakers. Workshops. The launch of our LWVMO Oral History Project at the Convention. Awards Banquet. And a special fun "Wine Pull" Fundraiser. And of course: a chance to network with other Leaguers.

"Strengthening Medicaid Lobby Day" on Tuesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. on the Capital steps. Governor Nixon will be among those who will be speaking.

Information on local programs and projects should be sent to lindaskaiser@gmail.com

*Upcoming LWVMO Voter Deadlines:
April 10 (for May-June)
June 10 (for July-August)*

Upcoming Missouri Events

- **April 2, Tues., Municipal Elections**
- **April 16, Tuesday, Strengthening Medicaid Lobby Day, Capitol steps, 2 pm**
- **April 17, Wed., Legislative Day, Jefferson City**
- **April 22, Mon., Earth Day**
- **May 3, Fri., State Board Mtg., Jefferson City**
- **May 4-5, Sat.-Sun., Biennial convention, Jefferson City**

LWVMO – SPECIAL REPORT

Nominating Committee Report for LWVMO Convention

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominations:

Co-Presidents: Elaine Blodgett & Lois Detrick

Elaine and Lois have agreed to accept nominations to jointly hold the office as co-presidents. But along with accepting the nomination they are seeking support in running the organization in a slightly different manner during this term. They will hold the formal titles, but their main focus will be on teaching the role of the presidency to other board members so that we have more qualified people to draw from in the future. They will expect other board members to do more of the traditional jobs done by the President, so that they are more “mentors” to new board members and the new Board members are being trained for further involvement as leaders in the future.

Vice President: Debby Waite Howard

Secretary: Susan Robino

Treasurer: Jerry Osborne

Directors: Barb Davis

Allison Cash

Pauli Kendrick

Nancy Copenhaver

Marty Ott

Kathleen Farrell

Peg Prendergast

Linda Kaiser

Nominating Committee: Mary Merritt,
Lael Von Holt and Cindy Stephens (Chair)

Featured Convention Speakers - Updated

Secretary of State Jason Kander
Keynote Speaker

Brian Colby—Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance
Judy Golberg and Elaine Blodgett

“Keys to a Healthy Organization: Membership and Leadership”

Charlie Hopper, Missouri Dept. of Agriculture

“Keeping Our Food Safe”

This session will introduce us — in an entertaining way — to the complex world of food regulation in Missouri. This will get us started on the upcoming national League’s Agriculture Update Study.

Mr. Hopper is a Marketing Specialist for the Missouri Department of Agriculture.



Margot McMillen—“The Golden Lane”

Awards Banquet

Share Your Studies - Share Our Strength at the LWV Clearinghouse!

Visit the LWV Clearinghouse today where you will find League studies on more than fifty subject areas. The Clearinghouse was created in response to member requests to provide a central location for League studies at all levels. Leagues in California, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington have responded with numerous studies; the latest addition, from Michigan, concerns immigration.

- *To find a study: browse by topic using the list on the left of the page or the search box at the top of the page.*
- *To share a study: follow the instructions on the site.*

The Clearinghouse was designed, built, and tested by League members and is staffed by League volunteers from across the country. If you would like to help maintain, promote, and improve the Clearinghouse, contact the Ad Hoc Committee at clearinghouse@leagueofwomenvoters.org.



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APRIL 2013 CALENDAR

TUESDAY APRIL 2ND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, CITY, CNTY GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Fri.	April 5	10:00am	International Relations Comm	STLC Library Headqtrrs
Sat.	April 6	9:30am	Education Committee	League Office
APRIL 9TH- 13TH			Unit Meetings	See p. 6
Tues.	April 9	7:00pm	Environmental Quality Comm.	League Office
Wed.	April 10	6:00pm	LWVSTL Board Meeting	League Office
Thurs.	April 11	1-3pm	Health Comm.	Faith Des Peres Presb.
Sat.	April 13	10:00am	Membership Committee	League Office
Tues.	April 16	TBA	Medicaid Expansion Rally	Jefferson City
Wed.	April 17	11:30-1:30	Missouri Legislative Day	Jefferson City
Sat.	April 27	11:30am	Annual Meeting/Luncheon	Highlands, Forest Park

PLANNING AHEAD FOR MAY

Sat.-Sun	May 4, 5	LWVMO State Convention	Jefferson City MO
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