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From the President:

Dear Members and Friends,
 These are the “lazy days of summer” or so they were called, hopefully you are enjoying them. While St. Louis is basking in the successful and fun time everyone had with the All Star Game let us brace ourselves for the busy year that begins in August/September with then end of summer and vacations, school begins for all ages, school activities and sports, businesses focus and look at achieving the goals for the year ---- and also the League year begins. Let this be a Save the Date card for the League Kickoff, monthly unit meetings, committees, and Holiday events. Watch for the dates and put them on your calendar. When members are asked what is your favorite thing about the League, the most common answer is – the people. Units and general meetings are when we have that opportunity to be with League members, have interesting conversation and learn something new. I frequently think of this as a gift to myself.

Let us also pause in these “lazy days” and think about the League which was formed 90 years ago in St. Louis. Those 90 years have quite a history and we have quite a history ahead of us, educating the public about voting rights, procedures, candidates and issues; advocating with a nonpartisan voice without special interest before the nation, state and city. Each of us together is the League. I ask you to think what is your part in making the future 90 years --- pledge to attend units, join a committee, volunteer in the office or special projects, ask your friends to join the League, write to your legislator, make a financial contribution to the League. All of us together can make an impact in the growth of the League and the difference we make in the community.
 Enjoy the summer and see you at the Kickoff in September.

Linda C. McDaniel

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CALENDAR			
Sat.	Aug. 1		Missouri Housing Development (Tenant Affairs Board Election
Tues.	Aug. 4		Election Day (Berkeley & University City)
Wed.	Aug. 5	6:00 PM	STL/IS Board Meeting
Thurs.	Aug 13	10:30 AM	Health Care Meeting
Fri	Aug. 14		In League Reporter Deadline
Mon.	Sept. 7	7:30 -2:00	Tailgate Sale
Wed.	Sept. 9		League Kickoff Dinner

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TENANT AFFAIRS BOARD ELECTION

The Missouri Housing Development Corporation is having an election related to their Tenant Affairs Board (TAB) on Saturday, August 1st, 2009 and has asked the League Of Women Voters to supervise the election, so I need 22 volunteers to do half-day shifts on that day, or 11 people to do whole day shifts, plus a few to help count. The election starts at 8 am and runs until 5 pm, so I will split the day into two parts – 8 am to 12:30 and 12:30 to 5 pm. The 11 election sites will be in public housing around the city of St. Louis, and I think it's pretty interesting to see what public housing looks like today in St. Louis. In addition to being a good thing for the League to do, it's a small fundraiser for the local League. Please contact Kathleen Kelly at dkbkmk01@swbell.net or 314.533.3972 to volunteer. Just bring a good book and devote some time to maintaining civil society.



Kathleen Kelly

THE LEAGUE'S ANNUAL TAILGATE SALE IS COMING YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S SALE - THE BEST EVER! THE LEAGUE'S 27th ANNUAL TAILGATE IS AROUND THE CORNER

The St. Louis League's Annual "League in the Loop" Tailgate Sale will be here before you know it. The sale will take place - RAIN or SHINE - on Monday, Labor Day, September 7, 2009.

WE WANT TO MAKE THIS THE BEST SALE WE EVER HAD

CAN YOU HELP??? – VOLUNTEER TIME TO HELP WITH THE SALE

OR DONATE YOUR ITEMS THAT YOU NO LONGER WANT OR NEED

WE NEED LOTS OF ITEMS FOR THE LEAGUE BOOTH. Sale will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clean out your closets, basement, and garage and donate those unwanted items to the League. Want to be a vendor? See the ad in this month's In League Reporter. We also need workers for set up, selling all our treasures, and clean up after the sale. Bring your items to the League office (314.961.6869), or contact Barbara Elbrecht (314.962.2821), or the Joergers – Denny & Elise – 314.725.4829.

If you want to work the day of the sale please contact Barbara 314-962-2821 to volunteer.

Barbara Elbrecht, Chair

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS



We are still accepting more books for the book sale this fall. You may bring them to the League office (314.961.6869) or contact Denny & Elise (314.725.4829) if you wish to drop them off at their home.

Barbara Elbrecht, Chair

Wanted

Information on past Local League education studies including
Parkway School District
University City School District
Webster Grove School District
Any North County School District
Kirkwood School District
St. Louis City School District
Special School District

I am interested in any information that a League member may have about the wording of the study, copy of the consensus that resulted from the study and action that the League took such as supporting or opposing tax ballot issues.

If you served on a local education committee or have a good memory or save everything, you might have this information in your files. Our League has a committee researching all past local League studies dated back as far as we can go. Our purpose is to publish this information so that League members know what the League positions are and to help us with advocacy in the future.

I do not need the Kirkwood consensus because I have it. I do need action taken on it. It is my understanding that we did not do a consensus study on the Ladue and Clayton School Districts. If anyone knows otherwise let me know.

Please call me at 314.434.5116 or e-mail me at slshay@sbcglobal.net

Sydell Shayer

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The Health Care Committee of the League will meet on Thursday, August 13th at 10:30 am in the private dining room at Cape Albeon. Please bring any reports that you wish to share with the group and ideas for our presentation to the units in October. If you need directions to Cape Albeon call Katharine at 636.861.7148.

Katharine Kilpatric, Chair

MISSOURI WOMEN'S NETWORK 22nd ANNUAL EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH



The Annual Equality Day Brunch will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 7750 Carondelet in the Crystal Ballroom

Call Shirley Breeze (314.831.5359) or Lynn Roney (314.727.7175) for information.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS

Activity can be purposeful or meaningless. Inactivity can be refreshing and prepare minds, bodies and spirits for future efforts. Summer opportunities include outdoor recreation, curling up for an air-conditioned journey through a book, or traveling adventures far and wide. Here at the league office, we are gearing up for the burst of activity that begins in September.

Activity in league terms is usually expressed in terms of “Action.” Once careful study and deliberations result in positions, we act. We contact our elected officials to advocate for good policies, educate citizens through public events and letters to the editor, and encourage participation through voter service and registration. Both the National LWV *Impact on Issues* and Missouri LWV *Guide to State Action*, position papers have been recently updated and are available in digital (free to your email address) or print format (\$7 US, \$4 MO plus S&H) from the office. I invite you to join me this month in reading these records of action completed and foundation on which to act.

Anna Mennerick

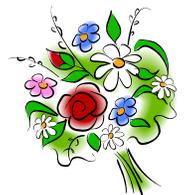


Thanks to our volunteers – Mickey Hall and Betty Ann Gilbert who faithfully come in once a week to assist with office work and any ongoing projects. Thanks to Marjorie Courtney and Cindy Mitchell who covered the office while Anna attended a state board meeting.

Julie Behrens

TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

In honor of the marriage of Joyce Guard to Harold Schuetz from Jeanne Morrell-Franklin to LWV St. Louis and from Sydell Shayer to LWV Information Service.



ST. LOUIS LEAGUE ANNUAL KICKOFF DINNER

Wednesday, September 9

SAVE THE DATE
MORE INFORMATION
IN NEXT ISSUE

SUMMER INTERNS



My name is Hannah Shayer and as soon as my sister, Morgan, informed me of the League's plan to embark on an extensive oral history project for its 100th anniversary I knew that I wanted to be involved. As an anthropology major at Webster University, I have read many oral histories and ethnographies that involve in-depth yet casual interviews.

My goal this summer is to pilot the 100th Anniversary Oral History Project by making contacts throughout the state, learning more about the art of doing oral history and formulating a interview plan so that the League can interview as many members across the state as possible. I will be able to use the knowledge I gain this summer to continue to be involved with the project as it moves forward. I hope to speak with many of you soon about your experiences as members of the League.

Hannah Shayer

NO COST FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Attention *Schnucks* Shoppers

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The following is reprinted from the Spring 2009 Issue of the Oregon Voter. It was developed by LWVOR Director Janet Calvert. When giving her permission Janet wanted us to remember that, although the quiz is framed in terms of true and false, it is meant to stimulate conversation around how we implement our non-partisan policies. There will always be opportunities to apply discernment and wisdom to specific situations.



Monday, Sept. 7th (Labor Day)
 @ the Loop during the annual bike race
 In University City
 Starts: 7:30 a.m.
 Ends: 3 p.m.

Voter
 Registration
 on Site!



Annual Tailgate Sale

**Come
 Shop
 for Treasures!**

Make Extra Cash!
 Friends, neighbors, churches, organizations -
 Sell Your Stuff @ Our Sale
 Buy a Booth!
 \$30 each

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 314-961-6869 or league@lwvstl.org CALL or EMAIL to reserve your booth space!

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