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**FEBRUARY 2013**

### INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Visitors from the International Visitor and Leadership Program met with LWVSTL members on Friday, January 25th at the League Office. The group's trip to the U.S., organized by World Learning and the State Department, is focusing on NGOs and Civic Activism. The team that visited in St. Louis is comprised of representatives from Botswana, Guyana, Mexico, Tunisia, Uganda, and Uzbekistan. Members represent various organizations and work for a variety of causes including: youth development and involvement; establishing democracies; representing native tribes; LGBT rights; and women's economic issues.

League members Linda McDaniel, Becky Clausen, Judith Smart, Nancy Miller and Anna Menerick shared the mission and priorities of the St Louis League: providing information to voters, sources of funding, and our participation in advocacy. A spirited discussion took place concerning the League's role and the effort in their countries to achieve equal rights for women, and the requirements for voting in their countries. All of them had a voter's ID issued by their governments, but some had to get a new one when they moved while others had to return always to the original city to vote. They were also curious about what we were doing to aid minority voters. The time was well spent, encouraging cooperation and sharing on all sides of the issues.



*Back, left: Dilafruz Jiyranova, Uzbekistan; Felix Gavito Olivar, Mexico; Deon Johnson, Guyana; Kais Mnasri, Tunisia; front: Johnson Morotsi, Botswana; Joanita Warry, Uganda, Host Renee Yates, ECO, Washington, D.C.*

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### FEBRUARY CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY 2013					
Fri.	Feb. 1st	10 am	International Relations Comm.		Cnty Library Hdqrts
Sat.	Feb. 2nd	9:30-11:30 am	Education Committee		League Office
Tues.	Feb. 12th	7 pm	Environmental Quality Comm.		League Office
	Feb. 9th—Feb. 14th		Unit Meetings		See Page 6
Mon.	Feb. 18th		<b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Wed.	Feb. 20th	6 pm	LWVSTL Board Meeting		League Office
Thurs.	Feb. 21st	1-3 pm	Health Care Comm.		Faith DesPeres Presbyterian Ch.
PLANNING AHEAD					
	<b>TUESDAY MARCH 5TH</b>		<b>PRIMARY ELECTIONS</b>		<b>CITY, COUNTY</b>
	<b>TUESDAY APRIL 2ND</b>		<b>LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, CITY, CNTY GOVERNMMT ELECTIONS</b>		
Wed.	April 17	9-3:00 pm	Missouri Legislative Day		Jefferson City
Sat.	April 27	11:30 am	LWVSTL Annual Meeting/Luncheon		Highlands, ForestPark
Sat.-Sun	May 4, 5		LWVMO State Convention		Columbia, MO

### Message From the Presidents:

Our League and Our Community: Working towards the future in 2013

The new year is just underway but the League office is bustling with activity. January unit meetings conducted serious conversations about LWVSTL's priorities and opportunities to serve our community. While there are many groups working on various issues, only the League concentrates on improving the election process and providing the public with quality non-partisan information about candidates and issues. We asked ourselves a number of questions: What does the League do best? What are our top voter service and advocacy priorities? How can we make a difference in our own communities? How can we significantly increase our membership and resources to make sure that the St. Louis League is thriving and a strong presence in the years to come? You, our members, were a wealth of information and excellent ideas. Now we need to put them into practice. Over the next few months we will be bringing a plan to you to put those ideas into practice. We are confident that you will support us as we go forward with this very important work.

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☆☆ "Life is either  
☆☆ a daring  
☆☆ adventure or  
☆☆ nothing at all.  
☆☆ Security is  
☆☆ mostly a  
☆☆ superstition. It  
☆☆ does not exist  
☆☆ in nature."  
☆☆ Helen Keller  
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There is important work to be done! Candidate forums begin this week. The April Voters Guide challenges us with over 1,000 candidates and 100 ballot issues to cover. Voter registration continues under Carol Portman's leadership. And thanks to Marty Ott we are at work in Jefferson City to advocate for the issues we care about and to make our presence known. Some of our members have been carrying out the League's mission for decades. Now is the time to identify those in our circles who share our values and recruit them to join us. Now is also the time for us to reach out to others in the community and invite them to join our ranks. Do your part! Pledge to bring in at least one new member this Spring and invite them to join you at the annual meeting. Sign up to do a few hours of work on candidate forums or the Voters' Guide. Call the office to lend your efforts to do what needs to be done.

Our community needs a growing and vital League of Women Voters. Let's move forward.

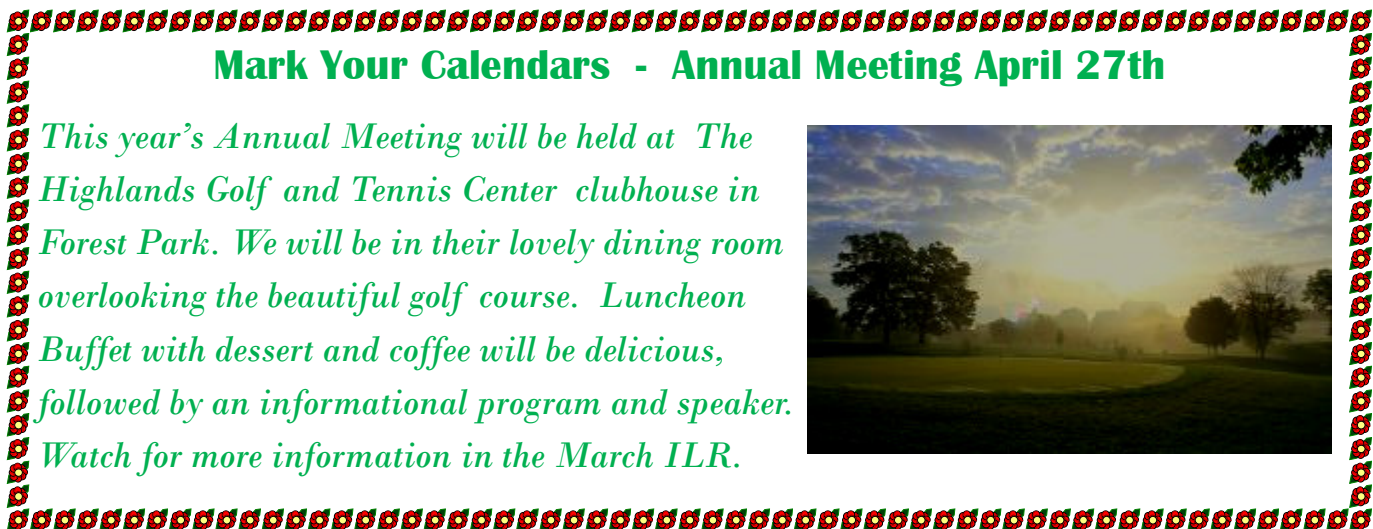
Linda McDaniel

Kathleen Farrell

Co-presidents

### Mark Your Calendars - Annual Meeting April 27th

*This year's Annual Meeting will be held at The Highlands Golf and Tennis Center clubhouse in Forest Park. We will be in their lovely dining room overlooking the beautiful golf course. Luncheon Buffet with dessert and coffee will be delicious, followed by an informational program and speaker. Watch for more information in the March ILR.*



## REQUESTS FOR SPRING CANDIDATE FORUMS

Election Day was barely over when the League began receiving calls for Candidate Forums prior to the April 2013 election. The following forums have been scheduled:

- Wednesday, February 27: St. Louis Mayor** 6:30 pm  
Forest Park Community College, Mildred Bastian Theatre  
5600 Oakland, 63110
- Monday, March 4: Kirkwood School Board Director** 7:30 to 8:30 pm  
North Kirkwood Middle School Library  
11287 Manchester Rd., 63122
- Tuesday, March 5: Rockwood School Board Director** 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Crestview Middle School  
18025 Clayton Rd., 63011
- Thursday, March 7: Hazelwood School Board Director** 6:30 pm  
Hazelwood School District Learning Center  
15955 New Halls Ferry Rd.
- Monday, March 11: Parkway School Board Director** 7:00 pm  
Parkway South Middle School Pavilion  
760 Woods Mill Rd., 63011
- Wednesday, March 13: Ladue School Board Director** 7:00 pm  
Ladue Middle School Cafeteria  
9701 Conway Rd., 63124
- Thursday, March 14: Wildwood City Council** 7:00 pm  
Wildwood City Hall Council Chambers  
16860 Main St., 63040

As always, the forums are not possible without our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to moderate, time, collect cards, or be in charge of our information table at the forums listed above, please go online to contact Pat Jones at 314.807.8346 or [PatJones@lwwstl.org](mailto:PatJones@lwwstl.org)

## SPEAKERS BUREAU NEWS

The Speakers Bureau is in desperate need of speakers available to groups in the coming year. This is one of the League's best public relations efforts and informs organizations, school groups, and others on various topics of interest. Topics include the League, voter service information and what the League does in the community. We are down to 4 people who are available to speak on occasions. Are you interested in helping the Speakers Bureau survive? We need a few more people willing to talk to groups. Contact Barbara Harris, our volunteer coordinator, at 314.968.3609 or email her at [IMBJH@charter.net](mailto:IMBJH@charter.net) if you are interested in finding out more – who, what, when, where, & why. But then we all know why – making information available!



Since this article appeared in last month's newsletter we received 2 inquiries from Leaguers who are willing to find out more about being a speaker. Anyone else interested in joining our group?

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## REPORT.....VOTER REGISTRATION 2012 *CAROL PORTMAN*

Most of the voter registrations take place following the Naturalization Ceremonies. Individuals are surprise when told there are at least 3 ceremonies a month in the St. Louis Federal District Courts. In 2012 LWV Information Service was present at 38 ceremonies held in 12 different locations. We registered **1262** individuals out of a possibility of 2570. We always are asked why some individuals do not register to vote...some are hourly workers and must get back to work, some are from Illinois (we cannot register for other states) and some must be on their way. [The letters petitioners receive do not state that the ceremony is two hours from the time they are to be at the site.]

We also will go out to other locations. This year we agreed to be present at 13 sites. The idea to have voter registration at an event sounds good, but usually does not result in enough registrations to justify the volunteers' time. These 13 sites resulted in 82 registrations.

Voters registered lived in 28 Missouri counties.

We agreed to go to 4 additional sites, but those sites for a variety of reasons cancelled. We provided information to 8 other organizations as to how they can provide voter registration. In all, there is much time spent on the telephone.

Taking time from their own busy schedules to register individuals to vote and to help the chair, Carol Portman, were: Julie Behrens, Stefany Brot, Evelyn Buretta, Lori Calcaterra, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Marj Courtney, Joan Esserman, Susan Fluegel, Renate Lytle, Linda McDaniel, Anna Mennerick, Cindy Mitchell, Sunny Pervil, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Catherine Stenger, Carol Teig, Billie Teneau, Pam Todorovich, Carol Washburne, K Wentzien, Ida West, and Sue Williams.

### VOTER REGISTRATION



### BOOKS FOR KIDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The books collected at the Holiday Luncheon were delivered to the Circle of Concern in Valley Park and the 100 Neediest Cases office. At the Circle of Concern on December 15, parents of infant children to age 16 (representing 335 families) shopped for gifts including the books. Your donation helped provide 780 children with holiday gifts. Thank-you!





**ATTENTION: NEW MEMBERS, FRIENDS,**  
You are invited to an **EAT, MEET, and GREET**

**Tuesday, February 19, 6 pm**

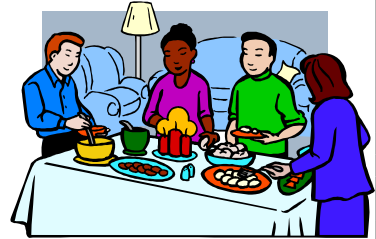
Enjoy a *Light Supper*

*Come See The Office*

*Meet the Board Members and Committee Chairs*

*Learn and Discuss League Priorities*

*Hear about League Activities and Local Unit Meetings*



**WHERE?**

League of Women Voters Office  
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**RSVP to:**

Catherine Stenger, 636.532.0473  
[catherine.zoo@hotmail.com](mailto:catherine.zoo@hotmail.com)

Please watch the Legislative Bulletin and the March Missouri Voter for more information about our **LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL**. It will take place on **Wednesday, April**



**17, 2013** with the League partnering with the American Association of University Women and perhaps other women's groups. This is a great opportunity for the LWVMO to show their support for women's issues and Pay Equity.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND!**

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:

Thursday, March 7, 2013 Future of the Euro

Thursday, March 21, 2013 NATO

Thursday, April 4, 2013 Intervention

Thursday, April 18, 2013 China in Africa

Thursday, March 14, 2013 Egypt

Thursday, March 28, 2013 Myanmar

Thursday, April 11, 2013 Iran

Thursday, April 25, 2013 Threat Assessment

**CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR**

Thursday, February 14th  
 9:30 am  
 Noon salad lunch  
**TOPIC:** To Be Announced

**ST LOUIS CITY**

Saturday, February 9th  
 10:30 am

**UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON**

Tuesday, February 12th  
 9:30 am  
**TOPIC:**To Be Determined

**WEBSTER/KIRKWOOD**

Wednesday, February 13th  
 9:30 am

**HOME of SYDELL SHAYER**

709 Champeix Lane  
 314.434.5116  
 Leader: Eve Golden 314.469.9985

**TRINITY CHURCH**

Euclid and Washington  
 Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert 314.925.8251

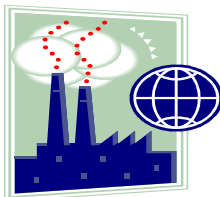
**HOME of CAROL PORTMAN**

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

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 OF WEBSTER GROVES UCC**

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

The **IR Committee** will meet on Friday, February 1st at 10 am, at the St Louis County Library Headquarters at Clayton Rd. and Lindbergh Blvd. We will be preparing for our presentation to the units in March on UN Women. *Judith Smart, Chair*



The next meeting of the **EQ Committee** will be Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm at the League Office. Dessert will be provided. Contact EQ Chair, Mickey Croyle ([mcroyle@wustl.edu](mailto:mcroyle@wustl.edu) or 314.395.7876) with suggestions or questions. We will continue to work on preparing for the April Unit Meeting. *Mickey Croyle, Chair*

Please join the **Health Care Committee** on Thursday, January 17th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, 11155 Clayton Rd., 63131. Our focus is on Medicaid Expansion in Missouri. Please join us! *Dianne Modrell, Chair*



The **Education Committee** will meet on February 2, 2013 at 9:30 - 11:30 am at the League Office. Our LWVSTL Education Committee is interested in informing ourselves and our membership about issues related to K-12 online/virtual/cyber/digital education. Nancy George will be speaking on the subject of digital learning. Ms. George is Director of the Midwest Education Technology Conference and Instructional Technology Specialist for the Cooperating School Districts (CSD) of Greater St. Louis. She works to improve teachers' and administrators' knowledge, skill level, and comfort level with all aspects of technology. The Education Committee is exploring the latest technologies and their uses in local K-12 classrooms. All League members and guests are invited to attend.

*Marty Ott, Chair* [martyott06@yahoo.com](mailto:martyott06@yahoo.com)



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## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis has received a contribution in memory of Doris Buzzell from Enid Tennebaum.

The League of Women Voters Information Service has received a contribution in memory of Doris Buzzell from Agnes Garino.

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis has received a contribution in honor of Becky Clausen from Betty Ann Gilbert.

The League of Women Voters Information Service has received a contribution in honor of Mary Beth Reynolds from the St. Luke's United Methodist Women. This was in honor of Mary Beth Reynolds who was a speaker at their January 7, 2013 meeting.

The League of Women Voters Information Service has received contributions from Sydell and Larry Shayer for the following:

\*congratulations to Becky Clausen on her special birthday.

\*congratulations to Jeffrey & Eve Golden on the birth of their first grandchild, Sienna Clark Schundler.

\*in memory of long time League member, Martha Kohn.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are off to a very busy start for 2013. We have 8 candidate forums scheduled already and the April voters guide is waiting in the wings. If you have a few extra free hours you can devote to the League we have many opportunities available.

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

Thanks to those volunteers who helped in January 2013: Stephen Aylward, Esther Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Pat Jones, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Marty Ott, and Catherine Stenger.

*Julie Behrens, Staff*



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS — ANNA MENNERICK

**We had a great push to get people registered before the presidential election in November. Think of how much your life can be affected by your school board, mayor, tax and bond issues. Make sure you and everyone you know is registered to vote in the local elections coming up. Please look over the official election calendar on the following page for important 2013 dates and deadlines.**

**"COX, ZAH"**



## Missouri Secretary of State, Jason Kander

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### 2013 Missouri Election Calendar

Official Election Day	Style of Election	Last Day to Register to Vote	First Day for Candidate Filing	Last Day for Candidate Filing	Final Certification Date
February 5, 2013	Bond elections may be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February but no other issue shall be included on the ballot for such election.	January 9, 2013	October 16, 2012 [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing October 23, 2012]	November 20, 2012	November 27, 2012
March 5, 2013 (see local charter)	Charter cities and charter counties ONLY	February 6, 2013	November 13, 2012 [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing November 20, 2012]	December 18, 2012	December 24, 2012
April 2, 2013	General Municipal Election Day	March 6, 2013	December 11, 2012 [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing December 18, 2012]	January 15, 2013	January 22, 2013
August 6, 2013	Available for public elections	July 10, 2013	April 16, 2013	May 21, 2013	May 28, 2013
November 5, 2013	Available for public elections	October 9, 2013	July 16, 2013* [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing July 23, 2013]	August 20, 2013*	August 27, 2013

1. Official Election Day -- §§ 115.121, 115.123

2. Style of Election -- §§ 115.121, 115.123

3. Last Day to Register -- § 115.135.1

4. First Day to File -- §§ 115.127.5, 115.329.1, 115.349.2, 115.761

5. Last Day to File -- §§ 115.127.5, 115.329.1, 115.349.1

6. Final Certification Date -- §§ 115.125, 115.387, 115.401, 116.240


\*Opening and closing of filing for jurisdictions authorized to elect directors in November, such as 911 & Emergency Services directors. [Bracketed dates apply to any jurisdiction partially or wholly located in Kansas City, Missouri.]

#### Statutory References (RSMo)

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