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FALL KICKOFF PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 11

On Tuesday, September 11, members and guests will gather for our annual kick-off dinner to be held at the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Heritage Center at 2711 Locust St. in St. Louis. Parking is on site with additional spaces nearby. Individuals who would like a ride to the event are encouraged to call the office to arrange transportation. Those wishing to attend but not purchase a meal should call the office to reserve a seat.

In honor of this election year, we are celebrating women's roles in government today. Several women will take part in a panel of elected officials, sharing their experiences about their positions, responsibilities, challenges, etc. Panel members are: the Honorable Shelley Welsch, Mayor of University City; the Honorable Jane Schweitzer, City of St. Louis Circuit Clerk; Honorable Joan McGivney, St Louis Community College Board of Trustees, Subdistrict 3; Honorable Barbara Fraser, Former State Representative Dist. 83, Former St. Louis County Council Member.

A new opportunity this year will be the Bulb Sale from Nature in Bloom. Full-color catalogues will be available at the Kickoff or you can pick one up at the office. Orders and payments must all be sent to the office by September 11th or ordered at the Kickoff. If you have a question, please call the office. The bulbs offered for sale can be viewed on-line at www.easy-fundraising-ideas.com. For more information and your own order sheet, see p.7.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2012

Mon. Sept. 3	LABOR DAY LEAGUE OFFICE CLOSED	
Mon. Sept. 3	7:30-2pm Tailgate Sale	Behind Loop Market, U City
Tues. Sept. 4	7:00pm Environ. Quality Committee	League Office
Wed. Sept. 5	7:00pm Focus Ballot Initiative Forum	SLCL Florissant
Sat. Sept. 8	9:30am Education Committee	League Office
Tues. Sept. 11	5:30pm Fall Kickoff Dinner	YWCA Heritage Center
Wed. Sept. 12	7:00pm Focus Ballot Initiative Forum	HH Boys & Girls Club
Thurs. Sept. 13	7:00pm Focus Ballot Initiative Forum	SLCL Bridgeton Trails
Fri. Sept. 14	10:00am International Relat. Comm	SLCL Headqtrts
Wed. Sept. 19	1-3:00pm Health Care Committee	SLCL Headqtrts.
Tues. Sept. 25	NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS MAY 2012

Empower the Vote

Dear Friends,

We cannot thank you enough for all the help you provided before the August 7th primary. The frenzy of candidate forums, requests for Voter Guides, the many calls we had from voters about redistricting changes that affected them and worries about Voter I.D. made it clear that our services are needed more than ever.

Voter suppression efforts around the country have created obstacles to citizens who have cast votes for decades. The poor, elderly, minorities, and the disabled are most directly affected by these laws. So are our friends in places like Joplin, where a tornado destroyed county records and other communities devastated by fires and floods. They aren't the only ones. What about those who don't have original birth certificates, or certificates with errors, missing marriage and divorce records? The Advancement Project has estimated that over 350,000 Missourians would be disenfranchised by proposed Voter I.D. laws.

The League of Women Voters has been in the forefront of opposing voter suppression legislation all over the country. We have won some battles and lost some. In Missouri we can say with pride that we have been successful in keeping Photo Voter I.D. measures off the books. But we must be ever vigilant.

We also must devote our efforts to oppose November statewide ballot initiatives that conflict with our national, state, and local positions. While some of these initiatives face court challenges, we know that we will be weighing in on taxes, health care reform, judicial appointments and perhaps more.

Voter education and issue advocacy. That's what the League is all about. So.... Look at the calendar of events and attend and/or volunteer for the upcoming issue forums, candidate forums, speaker requests, and OF COURSE the Voters Guide.

Come to the September 11th kickoff and share the experiences of women in political office who are with us in the trenches. Remember: DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!

Join us in the Trenches !!

Linda McDaniel

Kathleen Farrell

**The Election Protection Smartphone App:
All you need to know about voting in the palm of your hand!**

In order to meet the needs of the Digital Age, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, National Association of Latino Appointed and Elected Officials Education Fund, New Organizing Institute, Rock the Vote and Verified Voting Foundation have joined forces to deploy the Election Protection Smartphone Application to provide all information and resources, in English and Spanish (branded Ya Es Hora), that voters need to fully participate in the 2012 elections.

The Election Protection App will be available on all smartphones and provides all the information and resources voters need to register and cast a meaningful ballot in the palm of their hands.

Go to: <http://www.866ourvote.org/pages/election-protection-smartphone-app>

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"You're not
going to have
a society that
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Bella Abzug
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Single Stream Recycling Guide: Do your part to help the environment

Instructions for Single Stream Recycling: Commingle all acceptable recyclables in the cart (no sorting necessary). Please place your recycling cart at the curb. Rinse food residue from containers. All recyclables must be placed in the cart with the lid completely closed. Do not bag the recyclables. If in doubt, throw it in your trash. Non-recyclables can ruin the whole load.

What can be recycled in Single Stream Recycling:

Cans and Foil:

- Aluminum cans and foil (trays and foil must be cleaned)
- Tin and steel cans
- Non-hazardous aerosol cans such as whipped cream. Cooking oil (empty only)
- Lids from jars








Newspaper and inserts

- Cardboard (flattened, un-waxed)
- Mail, junk mail, and envelopes
- Telephone books
- Molded cardboard/paper egg cartons
- Kraft brown bags
- Chipboard, such as cereal, cake and food mix boxes, gift boxes
- Magazines
- Paperback books (no hard covers)
- Soda and beer can carrying cases
- Office and computer paper, notebooks, and gift wrap (no metal clips, spirals)
- Aseptic packaging such as juice cartons and pouches
- Frozen food packaging



No Food contaminated paper, No pet soiled paper, No napkins tissue or toilet paper

Plastic

-  1 PET soda, water and flavored beverage bottles
-  2 HDPE Milk and juice jugs, detergent and fabric softener containers
-  3 PVC narrow neck containers only such as health and beauty aid products and household cleaners
-  4 LDPE Grocery containers such as margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups and 6 or 12 Pack rings
-  5 PP Grocery containers, such as yogurt cups and narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles
-  6 PS Disposable plates and cups, egg cartons, carry-out containers, compact disc cases, aspirin bottles
-  7 Plastic narrow neck containers only
Plastic buckets (5 gallon max size)

No plastic bags, plastic film or wrap, No Styrofoam or packing peanuts, No plastic newspaper sleeves

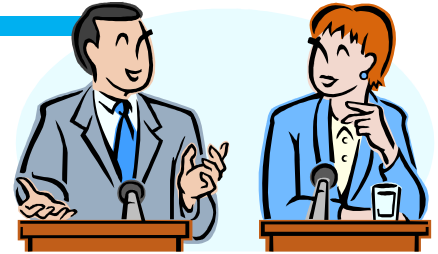
Glass

- Glass bottles and jars (clean and colored)
- Food containers
- Beverage Containers

No window glass or mirrors, No ceramics and dinnerware, No light bulbs

No hazardous materials such as oil, pesticides, insecticides, paint, batteries or cleaners!

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**CANDIDATE FORUM SUMMARY
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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

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The August primary election is over, and that means the League can catch its collective breath for about . . . five minutes! In case you missed any of the summer candidate forum action, here is a summary:

July 26th: City Treasurer Candidate Forum

The League moderated this forum at the beautiful downtown AT&T auditorium. Five of the seven candidates participated, and The Partnership for Downtown St. Louis co-sponsored the event.

July 28th: 1st District U.S. Congressional and 5th District State Senate Forums

Hosted by the Metro St. Louis Coalition for Inclusion and Equity (M-SLICE), this doubleheader at The Heart of St. Louis Adult Day Care Center on Washington Ave. was well attended and was a good warm-up for the MO Black Expo forums in early August. 1st District Candidates participating were: Martin Baker, Robyn Hamlin, Russ Carnahan, and Candice Britton. All three of the 5th District candidates participated: Jamilah Nasheed, Jeanette Mott Oxford, and Robin Wright-Jones.

August 5th: Our First (Ever?) Multiple “Mini” Candidate Forum Event

The grand finale of candidate forums before the Aug. 7 primary was our series of “mini” forums held at the MO Black Expo. The League is always up for a challenge, so when we were approached by the NAACP to moderate **EIGHT** forums in one afternoon, we said “Sure!” Thanks to many volunteers, many planning meetings, and the dedicated work of Anna Mennerick and Julie Behrens, the League moderated the following forums: MO House of Representative for Districts 66, 67, 78, and 84; State Senate for Districts 5 and 13; City of St. Louis Treasurer; and City of St. Louis Sheriff. Co-sponsors of the event were: The Power to the People Project, a collaboration of “The Divine Nine” Fraternities and Sororities, 100 Black Men, 100 Black Women, and the NAACP.

The 11 candidate forums summarized above could not have happened without our wonderful volunteers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the following who helped make the forums a success: Kathleen Farrell, Nancy Miller, Becky Clausen, Cindy Mitchell, Kathy Maret, Marjorie Courtney, Dixie Buford, Kara White, Alfreda Brown, Linda McDaniel, Stefany Brot, Mary Beth Reynolds, Charlene Dummett, Nancy Billingham, Judith Arnold, Ida West, Nancy Thompson, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Ida West, Dianne Modrell, Carol Teig, Mary Brown, Katharine Kilpatric, and Lolly Wehrli. If I have left anyone out, I sincerely apologize. Your name will be included in the next ILR.

One last special thank you goes to Cameron Smith, our summer intern. Cameron will be a senior at Clyde Miller Academy in St. Louis this fall. I may not have made it through the marathon of forums without his savvy computer assistance, his tireless phone work, his strong arms, and most of all, his ever present smile and sunny optimism. I’m sure that others will join with me in saying, “Thank You, Cameron. We Miss You!!”

Pat Jones, Candidate Forum Chair





LEFT: City Treasurer Forum at The ATT Auditorium on July 26th/ Left to right: Fred Wessels, Brian Wahby, Tishaura Jones, Jeffrey Boyd and Don Divivo. Ms. Jones won the election.

RIGHT: At the Heart of St Louis Center on July 28th, candidates for the 1st Congressional District : Candice Britton, Russ Carnahan, Robyn Hamlin, and Martin Baker. Rep. Clay declined the invitation. Representative Clay won the election for the new District 1 House Seat.



LEFT: St the Heart Of St Louis Center on July 28th, the candidates for the 5th Senate District participating are: Robin Wright-Jones (incumbent), Jamilah Nasheed, and Jeanette Mott Oxford.

Ms. Nasheed won the election for the new District 5 State Senate seat.

RIGHT: One of our forum participants at the Black Expo on August 5th at the Convention Center and Moderator Alfreda Brown, League member.



LEFT: League member Nancy Miller and Beverly Dummett, a member of Project Power to the People, one of our partnering organizations, man the 411 ballot information and printout booth at the Black Expo on August 5th at the America Center.

Photos by Alfreda Brown and Linda McDaniel

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KICKOFF DINNER

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

YWCA PHYLLIS WHEATLEY
HERITAGE CENTER

2711 Locust St., St. Louis, MO 63103

Parking on site . For a ride, call the office.

**JOIN FELLOW LEAGUERS FOR AN EVENING
OF**

**GOOD FRIENDS, FOOD, INTERESTING CONVERSATION &
WOMEN ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE:
A PANEL DISCUSSION**

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 p.m.

DINNER: 6:00

PANEL PRESENTATION: 7:00

Cost \$25.00 Reservations due September 5th

Name (s) _____

Contact phone/email _____

Amount included _____

Attending but not purchasing a meal _____

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For additional information, call the LWV office, 314.961.6869

**SPECIAL BULB
SALE FOR FALL
PLANTING !!**

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It's never too early to start preparing for your spring garden. The League of Women Voters Information Service can help you get started with a flower bulb sale. We are making it easy for you to get your hands on these reasonably-priced flowers that are 100% guaranteed to bloom. Here is how you can get your flowers:

- Stop by the League office during office hours between Wednesday, August 29 and Tuesday, September 11 and pick up your catalog. Feel free to share with friends, family and neighbors.
- Bring the order form and check with you to the Annual Kick-Off Meeting on September 11 or drop it off at the office beforehand. (Check made out to League of Women Voters Information Service)

Item	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
WP 100 Whimsical Collection	\$20.00		
WP 101 Mixed Tulips	\$14.00		
WP 102 Mixed Dutch Iris	\$7.00		
WP 103 "Queen of the Night Tulips"	\$14.00		
WP 104 "Cool Blue Collection"	\$22.50		
WP 105 Drumstick Allium	\$6.50		
WP 106 Mixed Daffodils	\$13.00		
WP 107 Spring Rock Garden Collection	\$24.00		
WP 108 Fancy Fringed Tulip Blend	\$14.00		
WP 109 Mixed Grape Hyacinths	\$12.50		
WP 110 Mixed Hyacinths	\$10.00		
WP 111 Sky Blue Lily	\$6.50		
WP 112 Mixed Crocus	\$14.00		
WP 113 Mixed Rock Garden Allium	\$6.50		
WP 114 Greenland Tulips	\$15.00		
WP 115 Paperwhite Narcissus	\$9.00		
WP 116 Mixed Anemone Blanda	\$8.50		
WP 117 "Dutch Master" Daffodils	\$7.00		
WP 118 Super Spring Collection	\$22.00		
WP 119 Pink and White Collection	\$26.50		
WP 120 Pink Allium	\$8.50		
WP 121 White Crocus	\$11.00		
WP 122 Pink Glory-of-the Snow	\$8.50		
WP 123 Pink Tulips	\$15.00		
Total			



Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Street: _____

Make checks payable to the League of Women Voters Information Service

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Relations (IR) Committee will begin its new year on Friday, September 14, at 10 a.m. at the St Louis County Library HQ (across from Plaza Frontenac). We invite all League members to join us this year to study the United Nations for which the LWV has a position of support. We will focus on Women and Girl Children, in particular, a new body called the *United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women*, or UN Women for short. If you would like information ahead of our meeting, please check their website: **unwomen.org**. To quote that website: "All human development and human rights issues have gender dimensions. UN Women focuses on priority areas that are fundamental to women's equality, and that can unlock progress across the board." This promises to be a most interesting



topic and one we can all learn from when we consider women on a worldwide basis. I encourage you to join our IR group during the upcoming year. We always meet at 10 a.m. on the second Friday. *Judith Smart, Chair*

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the EQ Committee will be September 4th at 7:00 pm at the League Office. We will be organizing for the 2012-2013 year. Dessert will be provided. Contact EQ Chair, Mickey Croyle (mcroyle@wustl.edu or 314.395.7876) with suggestions or questions.

Mickey Croyle, Chair



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE



Our new chairperson, Dianne Modrell, will convene the fall Health Care Committee work of the League. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 19 at the ST Louis County Library Headquarters from 1-3:00pm. Anyone interested in working with the complex health care issues this year is welcome to attend. Our goal at this meeting will be to define the focus of our study. We will also try to determine a "best-day, best-time and best location" for those interested to gather.

If you are interested, but cannot attend on 9/19, please contact Dianne about your interest. Phone: 314.439.9511 or email: dmodrell@sbcglobal.net.

Dianne Modrell, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee will meet on Saturday, September 8 at 9:30 am at the League office. We will be reviewing our Vote411 materials and participation for our collaboration with Kids Voting Missouri. Vote411 may be used mainly by students 6th to 12th grade to gain more knowledgeable about the candidates and ballot issues.

St. Louis City Schools, Jennings Schools, Valley Park Schools and Al Salam Day School have been selected for us to work with directly, based on where help is most needed. This is a great opportunity for the League to participate in civic engagement. To volunteer or more information contact Marty Ott, martyott06@yahoo.com, 314.434.0330.

Marty Ott, Chair



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ONE STOP FOR INFORMATION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT INITIATIVES

The League has partnered with FOCUS St. Louis, the St. Louis County Public Library, and the Policy Forum at Washington University Brown School of Social Work to hold five educational forums on state-wide ballot initiatives that will be on the November 6th ballot. Experts and advocates will explain and give pros and cons of each initiative and answer questions from the audience. Issues include the proposed increased cigarette tax, local control of municipal police departments, the appointment process of judges, increasing the minimum wage, and increasing regulation of payday loans. Two events will take place in August, here is September's calendar.

Dates and Locations

September 5 (Wednesday)	St. Louis County Library- Florissant Valley	195 New Florissant Rd. S.
September 12 (Wednesday)	Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club- St. Louis City	2901 N. Grand
September 13(Thursday)	St. Louis County Library Bridgeton Trails	3455 McKelvey Rd.

SAVE THE DATE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

The August Primary is over and now the office is gearing up for the November Voters Guide. In addition to the regular mundane office tasks - answering the phones, helping with mailings, etc., Leaguers assisted with the voter guides. If you find yourself with a few hours to spare, we would be happy to have your help. Please contact the League office (314.961.6869) if you wish to help with any tasks. Thanks to those who helped with the last projects: Alfreda Brown, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marj Courtney, Sue Dellbringge, Brenda Ellis, Joan Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Debby Howard, Denny & Elise Joerger, Pat Jones, Jean Loemker, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Dianne Modrell, Marty Ott, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Nancy Shayer, Judith Smart, Catherine Stenger, Billie Teneau, Enid Tennebaum, Kay Tice, Pam Todorovich, and Susan Williams. If we neglected to mention anyone, please let us know and we will acknowledge you in the next newsletter.

Julie Behrens



From the Executive Director's Desk - Anna Mennerick

It has been an interesting few weeks. Campaign comments lit a firestorm of pundits and political leadership discussion. These types of events also touch the citizen hotline here at the League of Women Voters. We fielded a variety of questions: How do I contact a campaign office to offer my support? If a candidate withdraws from a race, who selects the replacement candidate? These and other questions are bouncing around the office and in my head: How long does it take for any given comment to blow over? How can both major presidential campaigns think of multiple reasons to send email messages every day? Whose voices are more important, a political party or the electorate? How often do candidates attempt to influence another party's primary selection process?

We don't expect things to get any less interesting in the coming weeks, thanks to so much fuel to inspire thoughts. Make your voices heard. Register . . . Study . . . Decide . . . Vote . . . Stay Involved . . . Democracy Needs You!



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3. Present your card to the cashier for scanning every time you shop at *Schnucks*.
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****Many League members are participating in this no cost fundraiser. We hope you will add your name to this list. We receive a check monthly and it requires no soliciting. There is no easier way for you to help the League budget. Join today!

