



# IN LEAGUE REPORTER

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## JULY 2012

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### BUSY SUMMER FOR THE LEAGUE

The League will moderate the following candidate forum prior to the August primary election:

**St. Louis City Treasurer, Thursday, July 26, 7:00 to 8:30 pm,  
AT&T Auditorium, 801 Chestnut, 63101.**

We could use several more card collectors. If you could help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

The League is also collaborating with The Nine Network, St. Louis Public Radio, and The Beacon to plan a 1st District Congressional Democratic candidate forum on July 30 at The Sheldon. This forum will vary from our standard League format. Stay tuned for more details.

Discussions are also ongoing regarding a candidate forum for the 1st District Congressional Republican candidates to be held the last week of July.

Volunteers are needed to conduct the **St. Louis Housing Authority Election on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**. You can work one of the three shifts below:

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00-6:00 p.m.

6:00-9:00 p.m. (ballot count)

Our League has worked with the Housing Authority for a number of years on these elections. It is a good opportunity to become more acquainted with the City's housing, provide a valuable service, AND make some money for the League. In the past, we have been paid \$1,000-\$1,200 for this work. This is not a heavy turnout election, so you will have the opportunity to finish reading that last summer vacation book you didn't get done. Snacks and meals are provided. Kathleen Kelly has worked on this project for several years and will be the point person again. She provides you with all the information you need. Step up and volunteer. Contact Kathleen at: [dkbkmk01@swbell.net](mailto:dkbkmk01@swbell.net) or 314.533.3972.

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### CALENDAR of EVENTS

**NO UNIT OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY**

**Wed. July 4th OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

#### PLANNING AHEAD

Sat.	Aug 18th	8am –9pm	3 shifts	STL Housing Authority Elections (see above)
Sat.	Aug. 25th	10am-2pm	Equality Day Brunch	Crowne Plaza Hotel

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS JULY 2012

Marty Ott and Sydell Shayer along with your two co-presidents had the honor of representing St. Louis at the LWV US convention in Washington, D.C. June 8-12. We were inspired by the stories of the League's success fighting against voter suppression and conversations with our fellow League members from across the country. Attorney General Eric Holder encouraged League members to continue fighting for voter rights. And we attended workshops and meetings from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. to learn as much as we could to bring back to our St. Louis League.

It is very clear that our work is more important than ever! Voters' rights must be protected. We need to encourage everyone to vote. People all over the world risk their lives to do so. In order to make our government work for all, we need to be part of the solution.

Our busy summer and fall schedule puts our commitment into practice. We have 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District and St. Louis City Treasurer candidate forums before the August 7<sup>th</sup> primary. In collaboration with FOCUS St. Louis, the St. Louis County Library and Washington University's Brown School of Social Work, we have five forums on the November statewide ballot issues scheduled for August and September. We have TWO Voters Guides in the works for the August primary. One covers the entire Missouri State Legislature as well as statewide races and a statewide ballot initiative. Some of our sister Leagues around the state have included important local races. The other, in collaboration with the St. Louis Post Dispatch, covers six counties and the City of St. Louis. Requests for printed copies of the Guide are coming in. We are partnering with Kids Voting Missouri to use VOTE411 to provide candidate and ballot initiative information to students and teachers.



*Linda McDaniel, Marti Ott & Kathleen Farrell in front of Suffragettes' Statue*

Your board met to work on our 2012-2013 events. Look for details in the August In League Reporter. We are working on increasing our membership and our resources while increasing voter service; check our web page for the dates of forums and watch for the dates when VOTE411 will go live. We continue to advocate on the positions we hold at the national, state and local level.



*Linda, Marti, Kathleen, Sydell & Larry Shayer*

What is important to you? Make a commitment to the League. Bring 2 new members into the League this fall. Identify a business or individual in the community we can ask to join us in securing the resources necessary to do our work. Commit to volunteer a few hours a month delivering the Voters Guide, helping with candidate and issue forums, working at the office, helping with Kids Voting in the classroom, and mark your calendar for the fall Kickoff.

This is a very important election year. Let's get out the Vote!

Linda McDaniel

Kathleen Farrell

Co-Presidents

## New National Position on Privatization Con't

- ◆ Cost-benefit analyses evaluating short and long term costs of privatization, including the ongoing costs of contract administration and oversight;
- ◆ An understanding of the impact on customers, the broader community, environment and public employees;
- An open, competitive bidding process with clearly defined criteria to be used in selecting a contractor;
- A provision and process to ensure the services or assets will be returned to the government if a contractor fails to perform;
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- A data-driven selection of private entities whose goals, purposes, and means are not incompatible with the public well-being;
- The careful negotiation and drafting of the controlling privatization contract; and
- ◆ Adequate oversight and periodic performance monitoring of the privatized services by the government entity to ensure that the private entity is complying with all relevant laws and regulations, contract terms and conditions, and ethical standards, including public disclosure and comment.

The League believes that the enactment of state laws and issuance of regulations to control the process and delivery of privatization within a state's jurisdiction is often appropriate and desirable. Best practices for government regulation of the privatization process should include the following requirements:

- An open process that allows for citizen input and oversight in a timely manner;
  - A reasonable feasibility study and project evaluation appropriate to the size and scope of the project;
  - The establishment of carefully crafted criteria for selection of the private-entity (beyond the lowest cost bid);
  - Additional consideration for local bidders in order to support the local economy;
  - The retention of liability and responsibility with the government entity;
  - Allowance for and promotion of opportunities for innovation and collaboration;
- and,
- ◆ Provision for employment, benefits and training plans on behalf of employees displaced as a result of privatization.

*League of Women Voters of the United States, June 2012*

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## New National Position on Privatization Announced

The LWVUS Board approved a new position on Privatization at its June 2012 meeting. The position is based on responses received from the 227 Leagues across the country that participated in the Privatization Study, including the St. Louis League. Local committee members included Eve Golden, Cindy Mitchell, Becky Clausen, and Nancy Thompson, Chair.

The position statement in full is quoted below:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that when governmental entities consider the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector, the community impact and goals of such transfers must be identified and considered. Further, the LWV believes that transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good must be ensured.

The League believes that some government provided services could be delivered more efficiently by private entities; however, privatization is not appropriate in all circumstances. Privatization is not appropriate when the provision of services by the government is necessary to preserve the common good, to protect national or local security or to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of society.

While the League recognizes that the definition of core government services will vary by level of government and community values, services fundamental to the governance of a democratic society should not be privatized in their entirety. These services include the electoral process, justice system, military, public safety, public health, education, transportation, environmental protection and programs that protect and provide basic human needs.

The decision to privatize a public service should be made after an informed, transparent planning process and thorough analysis of the implications of privatizing service delivery. While specific criteria will vary by service and local conditions, the League believes the following considerations apply to most decisions to transfer public services, assets and functions to the private sector:

- On-going and timely communication with stakeholders and the public;
- Statement of the circumstances as they exist and what is to be gained;
- Definition of the quality, level and cost of service expected;
- ◆ Assessment of the private market; whether there are providers to assure competitive pricing and delivery; (in some cases there may not be multiple providers if a service is so specialized. i.e. high tech, airports.)

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### New Health Care Committee Chair Dianne Modrell Introduced

Dianne Modrell is a member of the Creve Coeur Unit. She moved to the STL area in December 2002. Most of her life was spent in the Kansas City area where she and her husband of 48 years, Phil, raised their three children. They have five grandchildren.

She is an alumna of UMKC with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and a Masters of Public Administration with Health Services emphasis.

Activity with the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) brought service in Kansas City, Saint Louis and the MO State Women's Political Caucus boards.

Dianne is the representative to ProVote from the NWPC-STL and serves on the state board for ProVote. Since living in STL, she has also been an active member of NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri, West County Democrats and MOPAG (Missouri Progressive Action Group).

Other statewide board service includes IMPACT (an interfaith public-policy organization) and the Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance.

"It will be a privilege to work with League members. They maintain high standards and a well-deserved reputation for study and action that prompts civic engagement."  
*Dianne Modrell*

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On May 30<sup>th</sup> the Education Committee met with Sandy Diamond, Director, Kids Voting Missouri, an organization committed in developing lifetime voting habits in young people and encouraging adults to become active citizens ([www.kidsvotingmissouri.org](http://www.kidsvotingmissouri.org)).

A plan was devised to collaborate on some activities to distribute materials about VOTE411 to teachers, students, and parents in schools having underserved populations. League members are encouraged to JOIN in this great opportunity to do what we do best - POWER THE VOTE, IMAGINE, COMMIT, ACT!, the theme of the LWVUS National Convention. To volunteer or for more information contact Marty Ott at [martyott06@yahoo.com](mailto:martyott06@yahoo.com) or 314.434.0330.



#### VOTER REGISTRATION

Thank-you for the overwhelming response to the call for Voter Registration assistance! The training session for July is filled. Another one can be set up for August or September. If interested, please call the League Office to register for a class. For clarification, LWV registers voters upon request from organizations, we do not go door-to-door. If you are still interested in helping with the election process, apply to work the polls; good election officials are always in demand.

*Carol Portman, Voter Registration Coordinator*

# 25th ANNUAL EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

## JOIN WOMEN ACTIVISTS ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

### Celebrating the 92nd Anniversary of Women Getting the Vote

Presentations include Special Well-Known Speaker

**Election and Legislative Issues**

**Political Action**

**Awards**

**Women's Equity**

Special Drawing for :

A Three-Night, Four-Day Stay in an Adobe House in Santa Fe  
(Tickets must be purchased and will be available day of event.)

**Saturday, August 25, 2012**

10:00 am-2:00 pm

(Registration begins at 9:30 am)

Crowne Plaza Hotel/Clayton MO-7750 Carondelet-Crystal Ballroom  
Free hotel parking on orange level. For information, call 314.831.5359

**Registration Form**

Sign up for Brunch and Program \$37.00\*

Students 15.00

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## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In honor of Vivian Zwick's birthday from Sonya Glassberg to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Emma Lee Chilton from Nancy Bowser to LWV Information Service.

In memory of Emma Lee Chilton from Julie Behrens, Claiborne & Avrom Handleman, Mary & Richard Hennicke, Jen Jensen, Thomas & Susan Lynn, and Genevieve & Stephen Turner to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Ronald Tennebaum from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin to LWV Information Service

In memory of Ronald Tennebaum from the Creve Coeur/Chesterfield Unit and Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Frances Hall from Julie Behrens and Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Adam Casmier from Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Carolyn Leuthold from Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Marge Wilson from Julie Behrens, Jim & Esther Clark, and Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Marge Wilson from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin to LWV Information Service.

In memory of Joe Kleeman from Julie Behrens, Jim & Esther Clark, and Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

We were saddened by the passing of two League members.

Marge Wilson died May 14, 2012. Marge was a League member in St. Louis since the 70's when she moved here from Memphis Tennessee. Marge was an active board member in the 80's & 90's. Marge worked on several local League committees and regularly attended the Thursday Evening Unit. Before coming to St. Louis she was president of the LWV in Memphis in the 50's. She was always a delight to talk with and always had something interesting to say. She will be missed. We offer condolences to her children, Pete Wilson and Martha Wilson.

Joe Kleeman died May 15, 2012. Joe was a League member in St. Louis since 1999. Joe & Rea, his wife, were active as voter registrars for the Naturalization ceremonies. Joe attended League meetings and was always ready with a quick comment. He was retired from the St. Louis Symphony. He will be missed. We offer condolences to Rea.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### *New Members:*

Sally Beck  
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Susan Carlson  
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St. Louis MO 63130-4421

Denise Lieberman  
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St. Louis MO 63112-1313

Kathleen Lottenbach  
2025 Logan Hill Dr.  
Chesterfield MO 63017-7961

Bill Mantinband  
1021 N. McKnight Rd. Apt. 3D  
St. Louis MO 63132-4032

Betty Heyder  
21 San Carlos Dr.  
St. Charles 63303-4117

Sunny Pervil  
907 Chapel Oaks  
St. Louis MO 63131-2815

### *Rejoined:*

Joy Lieberman  
7129 Kingsbury Blvd.  
St. Louis MO 63130-4307



## VOLUNTEER CORNER

The office is gearing up for the August primary voter guide plus the usual day to day office chores. If you wish to answer the phones, help with mailings, work on the voter guides (calling candidates for email addresses, mailing material to candidates, proofing material submitted, etc.) please contact our volunteer coordinator, Barbara Harris at 314.968.3609 (phone) or [IMBJH@charter.net](mailto:IMBJH@charter.net) (email). Thanks to Doris Buzzell, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marj Courtney, Clyde Creel, Verna Creel, Brenda Ellis, Joan Esserman, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Ilene Horenstein, Pat Jones, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Louise Reeves, Judith Smart, Jean Srenco, Catherine Stenger, and Susan Williams who helped since our last newsletter. 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

We have been enjoying both the company and talents of Cameron Smith, our Summer Intern. You can read about Cameron's adventures with the League at our website – [www.lwvstl.org](http://www.lwvstl.org) or receive notice of the posts by connecting with us at – <http://www.facebook.com/lwvstl>

If your League work could benefit from tech savvy assistance or you are doing something interesting that might enhance Cameron's experience, please call me to coordinate schedules.



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