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**From the President:**

Dear Members and Friends,

With my first letter I want to thank you for the opportunity to work with you and serve as a Co-President with Becky Clausen for the League. As I write this I am on vacation with my sons and their wives in Washington, D. C. Seeing and visiting the Capitol, the Senate chamber, the history of our nation represented in the many monuments and museums and sensing the goings on of our government - - - I more acutely realize the past, current and future role of the League. All of us together can work together and make a difference in St. Louis for all citizens in voting, health care, the environment and other issues.

If you ever have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call me or Becky. You will be hearing more as the board meets and makes plans for the coming year.

Have a wonderful and enjoyable summer.

*Linda C. McDaniel*

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**CALENDAR**

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Relations (IR) Committee will not meet in June.

*Judith Smart, IR Chair*



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

In April, 24 Leaguers and guests took a virtual tour of the Resource Management facility in Earth City. This facility is the first step in the development of our recycled waste into useful second lives as a wide variety of products from packaging to construction materials. Most of the tour participants were already recyclers but came away with renewed enthusiasm and dedication to the effort. We learned that more items could be recycled than we thought, less preparation of the material is needed by us and the economic benefits are even greater than we knew. Perhaps most reassuring was that although the price is down somewhat for recycled materials, the market remains strong and profitable. One caution, however, do not put plastic grocery bags, newspaper sleeves or other material of that nature into the general recycling. They clog the machinery and are used for different types of recycling. Return them to the store that issued them for separate recycling or, better still, use reusable bags.

Based on information from a study conducted by the University of Missouri for the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, almost 16,000 people are employed in 1,500 local recycling businesses in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Another study done by East-West Gateway Council of Governments states that “In 2003, recycling in the District reduced greenhouse gas emissions by over 536,000 metric tons of carbon equivalent, which is comparable to the carbon emissions from 405,000 cars”. Did you know that recycling one glass bottle can save enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours? A lot more information is available on the website for the District [www.swmd.net](http://www.swmd.net) and on the Environmental Protection Agency website, among other sources. Thanks to Leslie Lihou for arranging the tour for us.

There will be no Environmental Quality Committee meeting in June.

*Nancy Bowser, Chair*



## HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Health Care Committee will be on Thursday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Cape Albeon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions please call Katharine Kilpatric 636-861-7148.

*Katharine Kilpatric, Chair*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE



The Education Committee will not meet in June. Look for next meeting date in the newsletter.

*Marty Rulo, Chair*

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The committee will not meet in June. Look for next meeting date in the In League Reporter.

*Kathleen Farrell, Chair*

### CITY UNIT

The St. Louis City Unit will meet on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Church. Trinity Church is at the corners of Euclid and Washington, one block east of Kingshighway, one block south of Delmar. Topic: Challenges for the city and use of stimulus funds. Brunch will be served. Everyone is welcome.

### BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Thanks to all you wonderful people who packed up and hauled books for our book sale in October. K Wentzien, Esther & Jim Clark, Lois Bliss, Elise & Denny Joerger, Sue Dellbringge, Brenda & Jack Banjak, Julie Behrens, and Jeanne Morrel-Franklin & Bob Franklin. We are still accepting more books. You may bring them to the office (314-961-6869) or contact Denny & Elise (314-725-4829) if you wish to drop them off at their home.

*Barbara Elbrecht, Chair*

### SPEAKERS BUREAU

Thanks to **Arlene Nickels** for speaking to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Civics class at Twin Oaks Christian School in April and to **Norma Jean Downey** for speaking about the League and voting to a Meramec Community College class on May 8.

*Marjorie Courtney, Coordinator*

### TAILGATE SALE

The “League in the Loop” annual Tailgate Sale will be held on Labor Day, September 7, 2009. **We want this year to be the best ever.** Sale will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We need donations of items to sell at the League booth and we sell booths to vendors. Want to be a vendor? See the ad in this month’s In League Reporter. Go green!!! Clean out your closets, basement, and garage and donate those unwanted items to the League. The more you donate the less you have to dust.

**“ONE MAN’S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN’S TREASURE”!!!!!!**

Bring your items to the League office (314-961-6869), or contact Barbara Elbrecht’s (314-962-2821), or the Joerger’s – Denny & Elise – 314-725-4829.

*Barbara Elbrecht, Chair*

## **THANK YOU TO DORIS BUZZELL, LWV-ST LOUIS PRESIDENT 2007-2009**

Albert Einstein said “Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.”

If he was right, our President of the League of Women Voters of St. Louis for the past two years is the gold standard.

She is steadfast, courageous, ethical, intelligent, well spoken – She is The League of Women Voters.

I would like to ask you to join me and the Board of Directors in thanking and congratulating Doris Buzzell on an amazing job.

The Board of Directors wanted to honor Doris for her two years of commitment to our organization as, not just a President, but a great President. So we set out to find the perfect blend of gifts to commemorate her time as our President.

- A Blessing Basket, a way to commemorate the blessings she brought to us in her willingness to always carry our troubles away, yet carry back solutions.
- A Plant for the growth she nourished in the organization and the many blooms she coached from each of us that she touched.
- A book on the environment to symbolize education, her real passion. May she now have time to read!
- Now we all know Doris loves jewelry so we added a string of colored pearls, but not just for jewelry’s sake. It symbolizes for us her bits of wisdom, always wrapped in a witty quote and a bit of color.
- And last, but not least, we wished to finally give Doris some sense that we appreciate she will finally have time to putter in her garden....a gift certificate to the Gifted Gardener.

Thank you Doris...Well done!

*Janice Dahl*

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS**

I really need to take the opportunity to catch my breath. At the beginning of May, I was able to attend my very first League of Women Voters of Missouri Convention. It was great seeing all the energy and creativity around the state. That was followed one week later by the League of Women Voters of Saint Louis Annual Meeting. What a pleasure to meet so many of you and celebrate the work you have done this year.

I have been at my post now for more than three months and still feel tickled to be among you. This is such an interesting group of people doing so many important things. I have been told that things slow down over the summer. I am looking forward to taking advantage of your decrease in activity to get geared up with the new board members and address some of the items piling up on my desk. Happy summer to all!

*Anna Mennerick*

## STATE CONVENTION, 2009

The 59<sup>th</sup> Convention of the League of Women Voters of Missouri took place from May 2-3 in Jefferson City. Jo Sapp, LWVMO state president was absent due to health problems. Nancy Copenhaver first vice-president presided. All eight Missouri Leagues had a least one delegate. The total attendance was 48 although not all at the same time. The St. Louis League had six delegates present out of a possible ten.

The main business of a convention is to elect officers, pass a budget, amend the bylaws and choose program for the next two years. Lois Detrick from the Springfield League was elected president. The budget was passed with a minor adjustment. The recommended bylaw change concerning conducting board meetings by audio or video teleconference methods or other accepted technology was tabled due to lack of clarity.

The state board recommended two new studies, 1) early voting and 2) teacher qualifications. The second one was defeated. Early voting is our new state study. The delegates voted to retain all current program.

Janis McMillan, the national League liaison to the Missouri League attended the entire convention. She was very congenial and complementary of the Missouri League.

The atmosphere was informal considering it was a business meeting. But the meeting was conducted in a business like manner. The delegates were very impressive in their knowledge and skills and their commitment to the League.

Missouri is part of a membership initiative (MRI). Lois Detrick conducted a workshop on attracting new members. There was a workshop on CAPWIZ, a process by which the League can target specific members of the legislature for action alerts using a data base of all League members in Missouri. This technology reports back on the identity and number of people who respond to the action alerts. The technology is available to the Missouri League because of our participation in the Public Advocacy for Voter Protection project (PAVP), a project mainly concerned with opposing legislation that mandates photo identification as a requirement to vote. And there was a workshop on Quilting. This will be described fully in the next Missouri Voter. Simply put, the state League will produce two quilts, in a fund raising effort for the League's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There were two impressive speakers. Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk spoke on election procedures after lunch and Representative Sara Lampe spoke after dinner on The Power of Women, using her own family as an example.

Rachel Fitch presented awards to two Leagues, for outstanding projects. Open World Program of Sedalia/Pettis County League won the Lenore Loeb Sterling Achievement Award. Natural Resources by Win Colwill of Columbia won the Harriett Woods Award for Exemplary Community Service. All local Leagues had the opportunity to brag about their year's activities and the state issue chairs summed up their year's endeavors including legislative successes and failures.

The Convention venue was the Capital Plaza Hotel which had excellent accommodations and good food, even though we must admit we all ate too much of everything, especially the huge chocolate cake portions with whipped cream at all meals.

*Sydell Shayer, Chair*



**STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEES**

First Row (left to right) Linda McDaniel, Sydell Shayer, Doris Buzzell, Betty Ann Gilbert  
Second Row (left to right) Rachel Fitch, Janice Dahl, Becky Clausen, Mary Beth Reynolds



**MISSOURI STATE BOARD PAST PRESIDENTS**  
(From left to right) Mary Merritt, Sydell Shayer,  
Debby Waite Howard, Elaine Blodgett, Linda McDaniel



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Doris Buzzell

## A GLOBAL MIDWEST? ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**League of Women Voters of St. Louis proudly collaborates with FOCUS St. Louis, Metropolis St. Louis, and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs** to present an outstanding program entitled “**A GLOBAL MIDWEST? ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS.**” Join us for the social hour at 5 p.m. **Wednesday, June 10**, at the FOCUS St. Louis office, 815 Olive (The Old Post Office). The forum follows at 6 p.m. Parking is often available on-street, and there are several garages nearby. The 8th and Pine MetroLink stop is one block from the building. Questions? Call Nancy (Ulman) Thompson at 436-7009 extension 104.

**Richard Longworth**, Senior Fellow, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**Rob Paral**, Principal, Rob Paral & Associates

**Robert Holden**, Lecturer, Webster University and Former Governor of Missouri (moderator)

Globalization’s impact on the Midwest can be seen from the decline of the farming and manufacturing industries to the increase in immigration in large cities and small towns alike. The economic and social impact of this phenomenon is just starting to be addressed throughout the Midwest. Confronting this global challenge and identifying the opportunities that lie within requires an unprecedented approach to collaboration and policymaking. Join this panel of experts to discuss the economic and social implications of a global Midwest.

**Richard Longworth** is senior fellow at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs and author of *Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism*. He was an award-winning foreign correspondent and senior writer for the Chicago Tribune, reporting from 75 countries on five continents. He has won every major national award for economic writing, has two Overseas Press Club Awards, and was twice a Pulitzer Prize finalist. A former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, Longworth is an adjunct professor at Northwestern. He is the author of *Global Squeeze*, one of the first books on globalization, and a co-author of the pathbreaking book *Global Chicago*.

**Rob Paral** is a principal of the consulting firm Rob Paral and Associates, which uses applied analysis to help foundations, government agencies, and service organizations understand the communities they serve. He is a research fellow at both the Immigration Policy Center of the American Immigration Law Foundation and the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He recently wrote The Chicago Council on Global Affairs’ inaugural Heartland Paper, “Mexican Immigration in the Midwest: Meaning and Implications.”

**Governor Bob Holden** is a private sector leader in the fields of education and international economic development, a career he pursued after more than 25 years in public service, including serving as Governor of Missouri from 2001 until 2005. Governor Holden’s interest in international trade is reflected in his leadership of the Governor Bob Holden Public Policy Forum at Webster University where he serves as a visiting professor. He is also vice chairman of the Midwest U.S.–China Association and the chairman of The Holden Group, LLC. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a degree in political science.

**5:00 p.m.** Registration & Refreshments at FOCUS ST. Louis, Main Level of The Old Post Office

**6:00 p.m.** Presentation and Discussion, 3rd Floor of The Old Post Office, 815 Olive Street

This program is free and open to the public. Register in advance by contacting John Wagner at (314) 622-1250, ext. 105 or email at [johnw@focus-stl.org](mailto:johnw@focus-stl.org).

## **A REMEMBRANCE (and a little League history)**

Carole Stevens died on April 27, 2009 after sixteen years of illness. I met her at a tea given to meet new neighbors in our subdivision. Before the afternoon was over, Carole was recruited by me as a new League member. It is something I usually do. Before long Carole became president of the Central County League, one of the five Leagues in the county before the five county Leagues merged.

Carole and I walked around the subdivision almost everyday for years. As you might imagine, we talked League. She never needed a formal orientation. She got hers while walking.

Somewhere along the way Carole chaired the annual theater party. That year, Agnes Wilcox was the artistic director of the theater company we used for our event. Coincidentally, the artistic director of the Prison Performing Arts, the company for this year's event was the very same Agnes Wilcox.

Before we became the League of Women Voters Information Service (LWVIS), the tax-deductible arm of the League was named Citizen Information Resource Center (CIRC).

CIRC had a part-time staff person, usually a League member, and more often than not, an ex-president filled that position. You guessed it. Carole had that job for several years, until she became ill.

Fundraising for the League is a constant occupation. Our motto is to make it fun. In the early '90s the League organized several bridge parties, using the entrance fee as a contribution to the League. Many of the groups enjoyed the activity so much that they continued for years. Carole and her husband Jim belonged to one of the groups along with Mickey and Julian Hall. After Carole became ill, Mickey and Julian continued to play bridge with them at Carole and Jim's home.

When Carole came home from the hospital sixteen years ago, we all hoped she would fully recover. To tide her over until she could go back to work in the League office, several League members, Mary Brown and Julie Behrens among them would take turns staying with her while Jim had to leave the house. Unfortunately Carole's illness was not temporary.

I traveled with Debbie Howard to and from the recent state League Convention. She reminisced about working together with Carole in bygone days. I am sure there are many other League members whose life touched Carole's. I can not remember them for this article but I know it enriched Carole's life and visa versa.

For several years Carole managed to attend a League meeting now and then. According to her obituary, "throughout her 16 years of illness, she maintained a wonderful positive attitude". I know this to be true. Another neighbor and I would take Carol out to lunch every once in awhile. We would marvel at her good spirits. Even two weeks before she died, when I visited Carole, she was all smiles. What a wonderful lesson for us.

*Sydell Shayer*

## MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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](mailto:dkbkmk01@swbell.net) or 314-533-3972 to volunteer. Just bring a good book and devote some time to maintaining civil society.

*Kathleen Kelly*

## STUDY ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Washington University School of Medicine Medical School is engaged in an internet study of Childhood Obesity (CO). The incidence of CO is markedly increasing with very time consuming and expensive ways to control it. If obesity persists, it is injurious to health and leads to hypertension, adult onset diabetes and ridicule by other children, leading to a loss of self esteem.

Children between the ages of two and six are eligible to participate in the study. If you know of parents who might be interested in learning more about this study, they can contact Anna Vannucci at [foodforthought@psychiatry.wust.edu](mailto:foodforthought@psychiatry.wust.edu).

The original information came from Teresa Vietti and the piece written for publication by Lois Bliss.

*Katharine Kilpatric, Director*

## NO COST FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

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3. Present your card to the cashier for scanning every time you shop at *Schnucks*.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### New Members:

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We were saddened to learn of the death of Carole Stevens, long time friend and League member for many years. Article by Sydell Shayer is included in this newsletter on page 8.

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In honor of Lois Bliss from the Community for Understand & Hope *in grateful appreciation for leading us through a reorganization* to the LWV St. Louis.

In honor of Doris Buzzell from Jeanne Morrel-Franklin to the LWV Information Service.

In honor of Doris Buzzell in appreciation of her leadership from Nancy Bowser to the LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Beulah Fehrmann, Julie Behrens' mother-in-law and Georgia Mertens, Janice Dahl's mother from Betty Ann Gilbert to the LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Carole Stevens from Julie Behrens, Mickey & Julian Hall; Larry & Sydell Shayer to the LWV Information Service.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to the plate and assisted in the office during April and the beginning of May. Our trusty volunteers helped with the preparations for the St. Louis newsletter, the Missouri State League board meeting, the Missouri State Convention, and the St. Louis Annual Meeting. Thanks to: Brenda Banjak, Doris Buzzell, Jim Clark, Esther Clark, Becky Clausen, Verna Creel, Clyde Creel, Mickey Croyle, Sue Dellbringge, Susan Fluegel, Betty Ann Gilbert, Joyce Guard, Mickey Hall, Mary Beth Reynolds, Judith Smart, and Jean Srenco. If we have forgotten to list your name please remember that it is an oversight. We truly appreciate all the help we get from our volunteers. We couldn't do it without YOU!!!!

*Julie Behrens*

## **CIRCUIT JUDGE JIMMIE M. EDWARDS (SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)**

In a hard-hitting, fact-filled report on our juvenile justice system, Circuit Judge Jimmie M. Edwards of the 22nd Judicial Court of Missouri, asked "the League of Women Voters to work to increase public understanding of juvenile problems....to be leaders in understanding juvenile justice in Missouri."

Speaking at the annual meeting May 9 at Spazio's at Westport, Judge Edwards held some 60 Leaguers in rapt attention as he cited the bleak facts of the juvenile justice system:

- African American youth make up less than 50 percent of the at-risk adolescent population, but are 97 percent of the juveniles in his jurisdiction;
- prejudice of court personnel accounts for much of the arrest, conviction and incarceration of young African American, poor white and Hispanic males;
- "it is hard to learn from a mother with 47 drug convictions and a father with (several) prison terms";
- in some 10,000 family hearings last year, "I saw 12 dads";
- children return (to their communities) from the juvenile justice system "with no new skills (and) no new attitudes."

Nevertheless, Judge Edwards reported, the "2006 risk assessment (here) shows that juvenile crimes have decreased in St. Louis...and juvenile offenses are down in the entire state of Missouri."

And, he declared, "children are receptive to change." "Children appreciate the notice of other adults," he said; "the adolescent population is crying out for help."

"We need people like you," Judge Edwards told his League audience, "with new ideas, to correct past mistakes."

Judge Edwards then outlined a new program he's leading to convert the empty Blewitt School into an Innovative Concept School to put "new ideas into practice." With the help of Mers Goodwill, the Simon Foundation (Lucy Lopata) and others, and with the cooperation of the St. Louis Public Schools, he would set up a program for the "125 most challenging" 6th through 12th graders who have been expelled from the public schools.

The school will offer a comprehensive schedule of academics, recreation (chess, cooking, media work, a youth orchestra); jobs, required evening reports, police supervision and curfews; and counseling.

"They will have to report to me," Judge Edwards said.

He said he's already received more than 100 applications from teachers to work in the program, and pledges of participation from Harris-Stowe and such local celebrities as Cedric the Entertainer and Nellie.

He welcomed the participation of League members with appropriate professional skills, as well as in support services.

"Be a mentor, foster parent, teacher or even parents," he said. League members, he added, can help with recreation, education and mental health needs.

"The moment you label a child, he lives up to the label," Judge Edwards declared. But, he urged, "look into the eyes of a child. The eyes of our children are doorways to their hearts."

The new program starts moving in June 4, Judge Edwards said. All children in the school will be counted by Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Eve Golden secured Judge Edwards' appearance as our speaker, and introduced him to the audience.

*Mary Ellen Brucker*



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  
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on Site!**



## Annual Tailgate Sale

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