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LWVMO Shares Recent Ad Concerns With LWVUS

Lois Detrick, President of the Missouri League of Women Voters sent the following letter to Elisabeth MacNamara, President, LWVUS:

“After thorough discussion by the Board and state convention delegates at our 60th state convention, we are sharing our thoughts and concerns about the recent Clean Air ad featuring Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill.

- We firmly support the National League’s goal to be a strong, assertive, vocal and visible supporter of the positions on which we have come to consensus, including the Clean Air Act.
- We encourage the use of all modern media to get our message and the League “out there”.

As you know the Leagues in Missouri have received many negative calls and e-mails as a result of the recent ads aired in Missouri targeting Senator McCaskill for her vote on an EPA issue. It should be noted that the response from the public occurred with almost no media coverage. Although the LWVUS may have had the best of intentions in advocating for clean air, the message got lost when singling out a specific U.S. Senator. Many viewers in Missouri perceived the ad to be negative and partisan, many going so far as calling it an attack on an official because we disagreed with her vote. Senator Blunt voted with Brown which further added fire to the “attack on a person and not the issue” concern.

The most disturbing aspect of this whole situation is the loss of trust and credibility in our organization built up over the years. It has always been difficult to explain the League’s definition of non-partisanship because it does not conform to a view held by many in the general population who think it means not taking sides on anything. They cannot separate candidates and parties from issues. We should be careful not to exacerbate that misunderstanding. This is the basis of our standing in the community.

Many people were caught up in the way the ad was portrayed, rather than the intended advocacy message.

In addition to external considerations, there are internal ones. League members in Missouri, based on reasoned judgment and gut feelings believe that these ads were a mistake. We will lose members and financial support. We have to contend with responding to the external and internal questions and comments in a way that does not denigrate the League.

JUNE CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sat June 4	9:30—11:30 am	Education Committee	League Office
Wed June 15	5:00—8:00 pm	Board Retreat	League Office
Fri. June 17– Mon. June 20		LWVUS National Council 2011	Leesburg, VA

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LETTER to LWVUS con't

We must:

- Repair the damage to the public and to our membership and
- Prevent other officials from negatively pre-judging us in the future.

Another dimension is the process by which this whole situation came about. Before accepting this unique opportunity to have an all-expense advocacy campaign on an issue of extreme importance to its members, the LWVUS should have made sure the ad and the agreement to air the ad met all League criteria and procedure. Unfortunately, those making the decision to go with the ad did not take the precautions necessary to guarantee the success of the endeavor. This ad was not a routine advocacy action. It should have been discussed with the total national Board. It should have been tested with a group of "ordinary citizens" for feedback. And because the ad directly impacted the Missouri Leagues, state and local, there should have been consensus about the ads.

We do not understand the reluctance of the LWVUS to reveal the source of funding. It is an anathema to the League's standard for transparency. If withholding the funding source was a condition of receiving the money, the League should not have accepted it.

We understand time was of the essence so that the ad would not appear partisan. It turns out that it was a gamble not worth taking.

For the future, the Missouri Leagues expect the LWVUS to practice nonpartisanship in a way that it will not be misinterpreted. Right now our immediate task is how to respond to the public. At this juncture, we plan to tell the public that the League is a non-partisan organization and we regret that the ad was not received as intended, that we respect Senator McCaskill and that we know that we cannot agree on everything but we will continue to let her know our positions on issues.

In League,

Lois Detrick, President, LWV Missouri

The Missouri State Board and Local Presidents"

The St. Louis League participated in the drafting of this letter and candid discussions with our LWVUS Liaison, Janis McMillen. We did our best to bring the concerns of our membership and the reactions of the general public to this letter and the National Board through our liaison. This situation is a challenge for our League and we will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Kathleen Farrell & Linda McDaniel Co-Presidents

Missouri League Opposes Photo I.D. Requirements for Voting

The League of Women Voters of Missouri is working with the coalition Missouri Voter Protection Advocate Advancement Project to urge Governor Jay Nixon to veto SB3 which imposes stringent identification requirements for voting as well as requirements for advance voting.

Under this act, students attending Missouri colleges and universities would not be able to register to vote in Missouri if they had drivers' licenses or other identification from other states even with their college/university I.D.'s. The requirements to obtain the required identification produce significant barriers to the poor and elderly. The League has historically opposed such measures and in 2006 successfully challenged Voter I.D. legislation in the Missouri Supreme Court.

Governor Jay Nixon has until July 14th to sign the bill. Please contact him by mail, email, or phone and urge him to veto this legislation using the following contact information:

Office of the Governor <http://governor.mo.gov>

P.S. Box 720

Jefferson City, MO. 65102

573-751-3222

We will keep you posted on additional actions by the coalition and our League. Making voting accessible to all is at the center of League principles. We will be devoting significant resources to this issue this year.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear friends,

We are honored to be your co-presidents for the next two years. The St. Louis League has accomplished a lot in the last year. It is only because of the commitment of a large number of volunteers that we were able to bring candidate forums to over 2,000 citizens this past year, produce 5 Voters' Guides that reached over 300,000 in our region, work in conjunction with community partners on the Earnings Tax, the Confluence issue, and a number of other critical issues.

The next two years will provide us with new opportunities and challenges. The League must play a key role in educating voters about proposed Voter I.D. restrictions and proposed boundary lines for State House and Senate Districts. The newly drawn congressional districts pose challenges to equal party representation. The public discussion about shared public service delivery in St. Louis City and County needs our study and voice. And as always, new voters must be registered, voter information provided, and groups must be educated about how our government works. We will be working on two national studies: one on the federal role in education and one on the privatization of government services. To meet these challenges we must continue to encourage new members to join us, raise the necessary resources to do our work, and be a visible constructive presence in our community.

We face serious challenges. The recent controversy over the LWVUS's ad critiquing Senate Claire McCaskill's April 6th vote for Amendment 215 of Senate bill 493 forces us to face a number of questions: How should our support of national, state, and local program positions be enacted? How should we work with the national League to make sure that state leagues are included in important decision-making processes that directly affect our reputation with the public? How can we work to make the funding of any advocacy effort transparent and accountable? How can we explain to the public that the League does take non-partisan positions on issues as well as produces non-partisan voter information.

The League has faced challenges in the past. That is what happens when you engage in public life. We pledge to work hard to do the kinds of things that will make us successful and uphold the tradition of the League.

Enjoy your summer. We will be asking you to answer the call to do the League's work sooner than you know.

Kathleen Farrell

Linda McDaniel

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST LOUIS ANNUAL MEETING

On April 30, the annual business meeting of the League of Women Voters of St. Louis was held at Orlando Gardens in Grant Village. The business meeting included a discussion and approval of the 2011-2012 Budget, the election of officers for 2011-2012, and the discussion and approval of the Program.

Discussion of the budget included an explanation of the joint financial responsibilities shared by the St. Louis League and the Missouri State League. The 2011-2012 budget reflects the adjustments necessary as the State League contributes less to the joint office.

The Budget also reflects the change in the Leagues's role in the Tailgate Sale. After years of loyal commitment to the project, Barbara Elbrecht is stepping down from managing the League's booth. She has graciously agreed to oversee the event and rent the booths to other groups and individuals. There were few changes in the overall budget.

The presented slate of officers was approved unanimously. Newly elected officers are: Co-Presidents: Kathleen Farrell and Linda McDaniel; 1st Vice President Pat Jones; and Board members: Alfreda Brown, Sydell Shayer, Katharine Kilpatric, and Becky Clausen; Nominating Chairman Mary Long; Judith Smart and Doris Buzzell, members.

Before approving the Program for the next year, the members voted to retain all local positions, amending the Program committee report.

Dr. Terry Jones, Professor and Interim Chair of Political Science from UMSL, shared an enlightening presentation on the redistricting history and current status in the Missouri Legislature. It was pointed out that the new ratio of Republican to Democratic held Districts did not represent the ratio evident in the 2008 Presidential election. During the presentation it was announced that Governor Nixon had signed the reapportionment bill.

The luncheon, arranged by Eve Golden, was enjoyed by all.

DIANA CARLIN KEYNOTES BUSY STATE CONVENTION



On May 21st at the State Convention Banquet, Diana Carlin, expert on women in politics and chair of Kids Vote USA, addressed the topic of the significance of women voters in our past, present and futures. Professor Carlin and her husband, the Honorable Joe Perrin, Kansas Appeals Judge, graciously accepted a complimentary one year membership to the St. Louis League. Carlin has taken a job at Saint Louis University. In addition to Carlin, attendees heard presentations on caring for the mentally ill and redistricting in Missouri.

LWV MISSOURI CONVENTION 2011 by Pat Jones

“St. Louis is back” was the comment from Elaine Blodgett, Columbia, when 18 LWVSTL members stood for roll call at the 60th State Convention. Linda McDaniel, President of the St. Louis League, said that she couldn’t remember a state convention so well attended by St. Louis.

The St. Louis 18 were: Doris Buzzell, Becky Clausen, Kathleen Farrell, Rachel Farr Fitch, Betty Ann Gilbert, Debby Howard, Pat Jones, Mary Long, Linda McDaniel, Anna Mennerick, Gwen Moore, Marty Ott, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Larry Shayer, Sydell Shayer, Catherine Stenger, and Ida West.

Whatever the reason or reasons for St. Louis’ excellent attendance at Convention, the goal is to keep the momentum going. I encourage League members to attend these wonderful state meetings where you can:

As a first-time State Convention attendee, I was not sure what to expect. I knew there would be structured business meetings, lively discussion, and guest speakers, but I didn’t realize how much I would enjoy listening to the local league reports. It was so interesting to hear about other Leagues’ candidate forum adventures, their programs on civility, their studies on STDs, and their concern for water issues that affect all of us in Missouri. Mary Long, another first-time attendee, said that she loved being around women who were “serious minded” about issues, yet ready for fun

in downtown KC even though it meant elbowing their way into a crowded jazz club for music and dinner.

State Convention provided me with many takeaway messages and memories, but my overall feeling is that Convention was **FUN!!** A two-day meeting governed by Robert’s Rules of Order might sound like it could be all work and no play, but I found there was a good balance between business and fun. The 60th Convention was well worth it, and I look forward to Fall Conference. Becky, please don’t forget your massage chair!



VISIT TO TRUMAN LIBRARY by Doris Buzzell



Harry S Truman Library,
Liberty, Missouri

On entering the building visitors are greeted by a striking George Caleb Bingham mural depicting frontier life. I could have stopped right there. Our eighteen League members were then treated to a special tour of the research area containing archives of books, manuscripts and many letters---1300 of them to Bess---contained in the library. The museum was a review of the history we had all lived through, such as his decision to drop the first atomic bomb, reconstruction of war-ravaged Europe, recognition of Israel, the Cold War, the Korean War, dismissal of Gen. MacArthur, desegregation of the armed forces, and his surprise re-election. Seeing it displayed gave me a new appreciation of the daunting challenges faced by this farm-boy president.

Productive State Convention by *Kathleen Farrell, Co-President*

The state program was retained in its entirety by almost unanimous vote, and an austerity budget for the next two years was thoroughly discussed and approved. Strong direction was given to the incoming state board. Delegates urged that serious fund-raising efforts be given the highest priority, that Vote 411 be purchased and used for the 2012 election season, and that we should concentrate our efforts to defeat Voter I.D. measures that would restrict citizens' access to participate in elections.

St. Louis was present in force at the

convention. We had 18 in attendance with a full slate of 8 delegates, 4 state board members, 5 observers, and the executive director. Kathleen Farrell received the Lenore Loeb Award for her work on the 2010 Voters Guides and Sydell Shayer was honored with the Harriet Woods Award for her work on state tax policy. We participated in legislative caucuses, networked with members of other state leagues, and planned for the future.

The state board meetings, convention sessions, and late nights devoted much time to our concern with the

recent ad run by LWVUS against Senator Claire McCaskill's vote on Amendment 215 of Senate Bill 493. The Missouri League drafted a strong letter to LWVUS's board and President Elisabeth McNamara and conferred at length with our national board liaison, Janis McMiller. We reiterated our support for advocacy and the Clean Air Act, but conveyed our membership's dismay about both the ad's content and the exclusion of Missouri Leaguers in the decision to run it as well as the overwhelmingly negative reaction from League members as well as the public.

Board Members Introduced

When the biographies of newly elected Board Members were included in the MAY ILR, several individuals were inadvertently not included. The biographies of co-presidents Linda McDaniel and Kathleen Farrell and new Board Member Alfreda Brown are presented here.

Co-President: Linda McDaniel

I was first introduced to the League as a senior in high school and I thought this is great. I have had the opportunity to serve at all levels of League and I still say - this is great. The League continually offers the chance to grow and learn new things. The past two years serving as co president have been rewarding in meeting the challenges of our community. I would like to continue so I can work with wonderful League people and continue our outreach to the community and find new ways to

Co-President: Kathleen Farrell

I joined the League of Women Voters in Iowa City, Iowa in 1991 and became active in the St. Louis after moving here in 2002. I have served on the board, served as 1st Vice President, served as co-leader (with Betty Ann Gilbert) of the thriving City Unit, coordinated the Voters Guide collaboration with the Post-Dispatch and done a variety of jobs. Whether I am standing in Tilles Park collecting money in the cold, moderating candidate forums, working on the Voters' Guide or having great discussions with my City Unit friends, I love it all. By day I am a professor of communication at Saint Louis University. I study and teach

public argument and political communication. Making the League my primary community commitment fits in perfectly with my professional values.

The League's presence in our communities is needed now more than ever. We face great challenges at the national, state, and local level. Citizens need good information about candidates and issues. Local government needs our input on boards and commissions. We need to do more advocacy on our positions, recruit new members to the St. Louis League, and work to make the League financially sound on both the St. Louis and Missouri State League levels.

Board Member: Alfreda Brown

I am honored to be asked to serve on the board of the League of Women Voters for St. Louis. If elected, I will do my best to help the League in all of its endeavors. In recent years, my involvement with the League has been limited by the demands of my work life. While the demands at work have not changed, I feel it is time for me to re-commit to what the League stands for in our community and to do my part to help advance the work of the League.

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW, May 2011

TAXES

The League has studied various aspects of Missouri's tax system overtime and has an extensive position on Missouri taxes. It consists of general tax principles as well as specific tax issues. It has provided the flexibility for the League to participate in a broad range of tax issues appropriate to the political climate at any given time. I recommend that Leaguers read the full text on taxes printed in the LWVMO "Guide to State Action" Many of the tax bills introduced this session were contrary to League positions and in our opinion, bad for the economy and the people of Missouri. Fortunately, the worst of them did not pass. See the legislative session result following each bill below.

Earnings Tax.

Proposition A, on the earning tax, asked voters on the November 2, 2010 state ballot to eliminate the earnings tax unless the individual cities took a vote every five years to retain the tax. It also prohibits any other Missouri city from imposing such a tax in the future.

The state League and our League, in coalition with many other organizations, worked very hard to prevent its passage. Unfortunately it passed. As a result of Prop A passing statewide, both St. Louis and Kansas City voters had to vote in their local August 5th, 2011 elections for a proposition which would retain the earnings tax for each of these cities. Because of the earlier educational efforts to oppose the statewide Prop A, **the local ballot issue in St. Louis to retain the earnings tax passed.**

HB 26 This bill would have changed the 5 year requirement for a vote on retention of the earnings tax in St. Louis and KC to 20 years. The League supported this bill but it did not even make it to the floor of the house.

HJR 8 The Missouri Jobs and Prosperity Act proposed a constitutional amendment replacing the individual and corporate income tax, with a sales tax on certain property and services. Proponents called it the Fair Tax Bill and opponents called it the Mega Tax Bill. The rules committee reported it Do Pass. It was brought to the floor of the House and debated for about one half hour, then laid over with no final action. SJR 1 was similar to the above but it only got as far as a hearing.

The League vigorously opposed these bills and sent out an action alert to all members for whom we have e-mails when HJR 8 reached the floor. The League supports a balanced and progressive tax system to finance necessary governmental services. It supports a mix of the three major tax sources: income, sales and property. It opposes a shift from the income tax to a sales tax because of its regressive nature. And the League believes that fiscal policy should be in state statutes, rather than the constitution.

SB 19 Corporate Franchise Tax This bill eliminates the corporate franchise tax over a five year period. When it is completely phased in, it will cost Missouri \$85 million in general state general revenue. **It passed the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor.**

The League sent a letter to Governor Nixon urging him to veto this bill. The League believes that a corporate income tax should share a larger percentage of Missouri's tax burden, especially at this time when so many important services are at risk.

HB 637 Tax reform bill. This bill would reform the present income tax system and make it more progressive. It would change the brackets and increase the tax rate which has not been revised since 1931. Additionally, it would increase the tax rate for people with higher incomes. The League did not take any action on this bill because it was obvious that it would go nowhere. This tax reform bill fits the League's tax position to a tee.

HJR 11 This bill is known as TABOR which stands for Taxpayer Bill of Rights. It would put a limit on appropriations, as the Hancock amendment puts limits on income. This bill would severely limit revenue available to provide state services that the League supports. This bill has been introduced in the last few legislative sessions and the League has opposed it each time. It did not make it to the floor for debate.

The Streamlined Tax – There have been several streamlined tax bills introduced. They would require the Department of Revenue to establish rules to implement the compliance provisions of the multi-state Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. This is the measure that would lead to increased collection of sales tax on internet purchases, leveling the playing field for local businesses in Missouri. The League supports a streamlined tax. One of the bills came out of committee Do Pass but did not make it through floor debate.

SJR 8, a proposed constitutional amendment requiring tax refunds, not a good idea when the state so desperately needs revenue, has been passed out of committee in the Senate but went no further. League opposed this bill.

HB 181, 343, 342, These are three different cigarette tax bills. They did not make it out of committee. Missouri has the lowest tax in the country. The League supports raising the cigarette tax, especially if the added revenue goes into the general fund.

Death Penalty

The League of Women Voters of the United States supports the abolition of the death penalty. Although this is a national position, most of the action to implement this consensus is on the state level. Several Leagues have been successful in eliminating the death penalty in their states. Not so in Missouri. Unfortunately the following bills went nowhere this session.

HB 799 (Carlson), to abolish the death penalty and **HB 700** (Colona) death penalty moratorium, both supported by LWVMO ended up sitting in committee.

Sydell Shayer

COMMITTEES NEWS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee met on May 7 and reviewed the first five background papers on the **LWVUS Consensus Study on the Federal Role in Education**. The scope of the study includes Equity (ESEA funding), Core Standards and Assessment (National Curriculum), and Historical development of the Federal Government in Public Education.

This is the first in a series of articles providing members with a brief summary of what to expect when the Consensus Study is presented this Fall. Please watch for more background information in the coming months.

Historical Perspectives

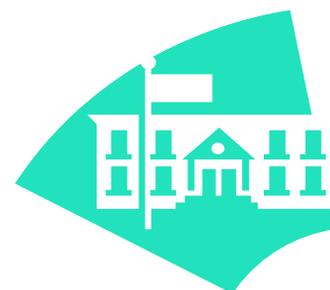
When considering the Federal role of an issue we begin with the wording and intent of the

Constitution. In 1787 Governor Morris of Pennsylvania was instrumental in writing the final draft of this historic document. In her book “Miracle in Philadelphia” Catherine Drinker Bowen quotes him saying that he was “setting down a working instrument of government which must be plain, brief, and strategically a trifle vague in places, to give play for future circumstances.”

Education is grounded in the Preamble to the Constitution which states that one of the goals is to promote the general welfare; and further derived from two amendments: the 10th (powers reserved to the states and the people) and 14th (equal protection for citizens). In this study we will be looking at leg-

islation and judicial decisions that have recognized and molded the federal role in education.

Our next meeting is **June 4, 9:30 – 11:30 am at the League Office**. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Marty Ott. Marty Ott, chair
314-434-0330
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



On May 16th, the LWVSTL hosted a group of legislators from Tajikistan, participants in the Open World Program which in turn is sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress.

The guests included: Mrs. Dadzhonova, Ms. Salohva, Mr. Nabiev, and Ms. Davlatova.. The program is designed to “promote public diplomacy through exchanges of cultural ideas and values and create a positive exchange of ideas and business approaches between professionals and leaders in Eurasia and the U.S.” Their visit in St. Louis is sponsored by the World Affairs Council.

Meeting with our guests were president Linda

McDaniel, committee chairman Judith Smart, Joan Esserman, and Sydell Shayer.

Our guests were very curious about the league itself, who the members are, who does the work how it is funded, our relationship with the government. They were also curious about the rights of women, and government support for working mothers; the number of women serving statewide and nationally in elected office.

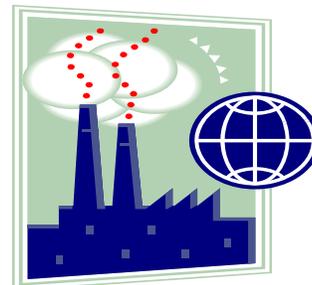
There will be no meetings of the International Relations Committee in June, July or August. We will continue our study of China in September. Please join us then—usual place, date and time.

Judith Smart, Chrm.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

All forms of energy production have health and environmental risks. It is therefore even more important to reduce our use of energy of all forms. Even wind power has environmental and health consequences –large wind farms can change on the local environment/weather and there are human injury and death occurring as the result of construction and/or repair of the wind turbines. Burning coal to produce electricity poses a greater threat to your health than the radiation released by the three worst nuclear accidents combined -Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima. Premature deaths as a result of exposure to radiation released during the meltdown at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor 25 years ago are now predicted for just over 200 people a year. That totals 16,000 deaths by 2065. The premature deaths caused by inhaling fine particulate matter released during the burning of fossil fuels, of which coal is far worst. The number of people dying prematurely from exposure to fossil fuel pollution will be 108 million for this same time period. So, for every person killed by radiation from the Chernobyl accident, 6,750 will be killed by coal-fired electrical generating stations, household furnaces, fireplaces, barbecue briquettes,

mowing the lawn and, of course, driving to the store. The calculation of premature deaths per terawatt hour of energy production is: 161 for coal; 36 for oil; 12 for biofuels; 4 for natural gas, four; and 0.04 for nuclear. It is important to have a robust debate about the future of nuclear energy. Let's hear all the arguments for it and against it. It is important to keep things in perspective. It is essential to develop safer method of storing depleted fuel rods and handling of radioactive waste. The Fukushima accident clearing demonstrated this need. The League of Women Voters has taken a very active role in the Nuclear Debate. The League pushed for congressional passage of the Low-Level Waste Policy Act in 1980 and the Nuclear Waste Policy Act in 1982 as means of ensuring a national policy that incorporates adequate environmental safeguards with a strong role for public participation in nuclear-waste repository siting decisions. Leagues across the country have used League positions to support their involvement in the siting of low-level nuclear waste sites, high-level waste sites and nuclear plant sitings. Following passage of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1985, the LWVEF sponsored a public policy training program and



published *The Nuclear Waste Digest*. In 1992, the LWVEF signed a five-year cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy (DOE) to publish a third edition of *The Nuclear Waste Primer* (1993) and to conduct citizen education programs on nuclear waste. In 1995, the LWVEF launched a second five-year cooperative agreement with DOE to focus educational and citizen involvement efforts on defense waste management issues. In June 1998, the LWVEF held two regional intersite discussions on nuclear material and waste and issued a report to DOE.

As individuals we can conserve Energy and continue to reduce, reuse and recycle to diminish the need for additional energy plants of any type.

CORRECTION FROM MAY 2011 ILR

Norma Jean Downey volunteered for Candidate Forums held in the Fall of 2010 and Spring 2011. I inadvertently left her name off the volunteer list in the In League Reporter article and Candidate Forum Report printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Norma Jean, I am sorry for this oversight and I thank you again so much for your service. To all League members and volunteers: If there are other omissions or corrections regarding Candidate Forums, please contact me, and I will make sure the corrections are printed in the next newslet-

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

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Corrections to the 2011 Spring Membership Directory:

Janet Becker
314.534.4676

Dorothy Mill
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Nancy Miller
314.440.0474



TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

In honor of Linda McDaniel and Kathleen Farrell, newly elected co-presidents from Kathleen Kelly to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Ginny Deutch from Brenda Banjak, Mel and Joy Dunkelman, Phyllis Hannicke, and Linda McDaniel to LWV St. Louis.

Condolences to Wilma Kennell on the recent death of her husband, David.

IN MEMORY OF GINNY DEUTCH

Virginia Loeb Deutch (Mrs. Max Deutch) died on April 20, 2011. Ginny liked to say she was born about the same time as the League of Women Voters. Ginny's mother, Tess Loeb, was a friend of another founder, Edna Gelhorn. Ginny continued that friendship, and years later took Mrs. Gelhorn to League meetings.

Ginny and some of the other daughters of our founders became members and leaders of the LWVStL. Ginny was LWVStL President for the 1967-68 term. She was a wonderful supporter of new members, and she continued to be a real presence in the League and elsewhere.

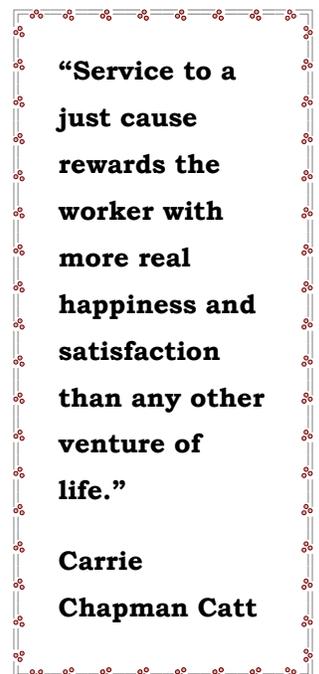
She contributed to a recent book about another League daughter, the writer Martha Gelhorn. "Those were the days", Ginny commented afterward.

Some will recall Ginny's years in the League with her wit and humor on display. We'll say to each other, "Those were the days! Thank you Ginny -- for everything."

Betty Ann Gilbert

IN MEMORY

We have recently lost two long term League Members and financial supporters. Florence Craft, a tireless worker for World Council Affairs, passed away on February 3, 2011. Florence joined the League in 1951. Clarice Binder, also recently deceased joined in 1959.



VOLUNTEER CORNER by Julie Behrens

We have been busy working on the Missouri League Convention, the current In League Reporter issue, and the Metro News. When you receive this hopefully all the work will be done.

Thanks to the following Leaguers who worked on these tasks plus the ongoing work toward membership and voter registration: Brenda Banjak, Joan Botwinick, Doris



Buzzell, Esther & Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Kathleen Farrell, Betty Ann

Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Deborah Howard, Pat Jones, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Carol Portman, Louise Reeves, Mary Beth Reynolds, Judith Smart, and Enid Tennebaum, If we have neglected to mention someone, please let us know and we will acknowledge you in the next In League Reporter.

Julie Behrens,

“Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputations... can never effect a reform.”

Susan B Anthony

From the Executive Director’s Desk

It was a great pleasure to attend the League of Women Voters of Missouri 60th convention in May. There was not nearly enough time for sleeping given all the late night reminiscences, heated non-partisanship and advocacy discussions, and of course the actual convention agenda.

I was proud to be a part of the League of Women Voters of Missouri and especially pleased with the quantity and quality of the Saint Louis Delegation. We have our work cut out for us in the next few months building the financial foundation for all that will follow. We have been organizationally energized (personally I’m still catching up on the sleeping part) and return ready to move forward for good government and informed electorate efforts in Missouri.

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR !!



We welcome Barbara Harris to the Information Services branch of LWV. Barbara is a recent member of the St. Louis League. She will be contacting members as she fills the various volunteer needs of the League and to survey members concerning their interests for further involvement. You may contact Barbara at IMBJH@charter.net

Editor’s Note: This issue presents an updated format for the ILR. Our goal is to provide members with news of the St. Louis League and issues that we support and that affect us. Any feedback concerning the format or the contents of the ILR will be appreciated.
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EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

The 24th Annual Equality Day Brunch will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton. Registration will begin at 9:30, with the brunch beginning at 10am and lasting until 2pm.

This celebration of the 91st Anniversary of Women Getting

the Vote will include presentations on Election and Legislative Issues, Political Action, Awards, and Women's Equity Issues.

For more information please call 314.0831.5359.

Checks may be made payable to Missouri Women's Network, % Joyce Guard Schuetz, 909 Parkiew Val-

ley Drive, Manchester, MO.

Deadline for Reservations is August 15th.

*Scholarships are available