



**IN LEAGUE REPORTER**  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS**  
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**From the President:**

Dear Members and Friends,

What makes a meeting great? Answer: a pertinent topic; a responsive leader; informed presenters; well-organized presentations; a room full of engaged participants and an animated exchange of ideas---with bonus points for wonderful food and a house decorated to the rafters for Mardi Gras.

Such was the Webster/Kirkwood unit meeting as we discussed the National Popular Vote Contract, whereby states with a cumulative 270 electoral votes would agree to cast all their electoral ballots for the presidential candidate receiving the most popular votes. The process was to respond to a list of questions. The goal was to come to a consensus on whether or not we want the League to support this.

Consensus, in League terms, is neither a majority nor unanimity; instead it is an overall sense of the group as expressed through exchange of ideas and opinions. (*In League* LWVUS) The challenge is for the leader to determine the sense of the group without taking a vote. This made for an interesting irony as the League of Women Voters discussed the importance of the popular vote without taking a vote. Ah, well; life has lots of little quirks.

Sydell Shayer, Eve Golden and Martha Ott did a wonderful job. We will wait to see if others agree with our conclusions. Meanwhile, we went home knowing we had participated in a great meeting.

*Doris Buzzell*

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**CALENDAR**

Sat.	Feb. 28	11:00 AM	Housing Committee	pg 4	Companion Bread Co. 4651 Maryland CWE
	Mar. 10-14		March Units	pg 2	
Thurs.	Mar. 5	10:00 AM	Health Care Committee	pg 3	Cape Albeon Ret. Com.
Tue.	Mar. 10	5:30 PM	Environmental Quality Committee	pg 3	League Office
Sat.	Mar. 21	9:30 AM	Education Committee	pg 3	League Office

**Attention: International Relations Committee will not meet in March. Next meeting April 10.**

## MARCH UNIT MEETINGS

### International Relations Committee Presentation on Pakistan

#### UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON

Tuesday, March 10  
9:15 a.m. coffee  
9:30 a.m. meeting

#### HOME OF ELISE JOERGER

7136 Kingsbury  
314-725-4829  
Leader: Carol Portman  
314-726-3269

North on Big Bend, 1<sup>st</sup> stoplight past Forest Park Parkway, turn left, 2<sup>nd</sup> block on left.

#### WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD

Wednesday, March 11  
9:30 a.m. meeting

#### HOME OF DORIS BUZZELL

19 Lemp Rd.  
314-966-8425  
Leader: Mary Long  
314-849-7045

2<sup>nd</sup> left (heading west) after Geyer & Big Bend, Forest Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> right is Lemp.  
Go left at "Y" in road. 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on right.

#### CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR

Thursday March 12  
9:30 a.m. meeting  
Noon salad lunch

#### HOME OF SYDELL SHAYER

709 Champeix Lane  
314-434-5116  
Leader: Marion Stuvland  
636-391-7589

From 270 take Ladue Road west 1.4 miles to Chasselle, Right on Chasselle, at 2<sup>nd</sup> circle, turn right on Champeix, 5<sup>th</sup> house on the right. White house with red sculpture

#### WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD

Thursday, March 12  
7:00 p.m.

#### LEAGUE OFFICE

8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104  
314-961-6869  
Leader: Esther Clark  
314-416-0366

#### ST. LOUIS CITY UNIT

Saturday, March 14  
10:30 a.m.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Euclid and Washington  
Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert  
314-773-8719

Corner of Euclid and Washington, one block east of Kingshighway, one block south of Delmar

At the March Unit Meetings, the members of the International Relations Committee will present a program on Pakistan.

*Enid Tennebaum, Vice President*



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Relations (IR) committee **will not** meet in March since the Committee is presenting the program on their study of Pakistan at the March Units. Next scheduled committee meeting will be April 10. Additional topics of interest will be the Great Decisions programs at the Ethical Society starting Thursday, February 12 and continuing on each Thursday through April 2. The programs start at 12 Noon with introduction of moderator and showing of Foreign Policy Association Video. The topics for March are:

- Mar. 5 The Arctic Age
- Mar. 12 Egypt in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Mar. 19 Global Food Supply
- Mar. 26 Cuba after Castro

Light refreshments will be available. Parking is free and conveniently located in the rear of the building. The program is free, but a book on the topics is available for \$16.50 at the meeting.

*Judith Smart, IR Chair*



## HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The next scheduled meeting for the Health Care Committee will be on Thursday, March 5, 2009 in the private dining room at Cape Albeon, 3880 Lake Bend Drive in Valley Park. If you need directions or if you wish to be a part of the committee call Katharine Kilpatric at 636-861-7148.

*Katharine Kilpatric, Chair*



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Committee is Tuesday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the League office.

*Nancy Bowser, Chair*



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee will meet on Saturday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the League office. Everyone is welcome.

*Georgia Archibald, Chair*

## HOUSING COMMITTEE



The Housing Committee will meet on Saturday, February 28 at 11 a.m. at the Companion Bread Company 4651 Maryland in the Central West End, 2 doors east of Euclid. All interested members are invited. For more information contact Charlene Dummett at 314-652-6266

*Charlene Dummett, Chair*

## SPEAKERS BUREAU

The post-election lull is over and requests are beginning to come to the LWV office. One interesting request is from Rockwood School District. They would like speakers (*note the plural*) for elementary school classes on such topics as voting in a democracy, local government, the three branches of government, etc. They are a large district so one speaker could prepare on one topic and present it three or four times in one trip since each school has several sections of each grade.

If you like to speak with young children and are interested in joining this project, please speak up! You can reach me at 314-863-1275 or [m-courtney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-courtney@sbcglobal.net).

*Marjorie Courtney, Coordinator*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

On February 9, the membership committee presented a New Member Welcome Event that local League and committee member, Sydell Shayer, graciously hosted at her house. We began with conversation and light refreshments then moved into an introduction of Board and Committee members. Doris Buzzell gave the introductory remarks and representatives from local government, speaker's bureau, voter service, environment, international relations, and healthcare each spoke for one-minute informing the guests on what their committee does. The evening concluded with a question and answer session and discussion. Thank you to all who helped and attended this event.

At the end of January we reported our total membership to National. Good news, we have 376 members. That includes the 53 new members or a 13% increase in membership over the past year. To all our new members, Welcome! To all our other members, lets keep talking about the League and introducing the public, and those potential new members, what the League is all about.

We are not done yet. Our next task is beginning to plan another new member event to occur sometime this summer, on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Let us know what you think.

*Patti Walley, Chair*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### New Members

Catherine Ebbesmeyer  
5629 Walsh St.  
St. Louis MO 63109-2837  
314-457-1240

Deborah Keenan  
418 Webster Forest Dr.  
St. Louis MO 63119-3938  
314-968-9222

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I am Anna Mennerick and I am new to the League of Women Voters. I began my work with the Joint Office at the beginning of February. In my short time with this venerable organization, I have often been described in terms of my newness. I have been called the "New Mickey," the new Office Manager, and the new Executive Director. This referencing speaks to the long history many of you have with the League and with each other.

As you get to know my voice on the phone, face in the office, and ideas shared, I look forward to having my own reference point. I am delighted to get to know you individually and through your collective work on behalf of the League and its mission. Please call the office to schedule a time to share coffee, tea, lunch and your League story.

Until the newness wears off, I use "new" to describe myself to those who call requesting information about their elected officials. I am hoping for a little extra patience for my clumsy first steps in this role. Equally, with each of you, I beg your pardon in advance for introducing myself more than once or forgetting what you have already told me.

Newness has advantages. My experiences in community and economic development, academia, social services, manufacturing, family and youth services have prepared me to see the big picture. I will bring an outsider's eye to analyze and recommend improvement for new direction and efficiencies.

It is my pleasure to arrive with the more than 50 individuals who have joined and rejoined as members in the past year. Newness is in the air. All of these new participants have talents and passions ready to be connected to the history and knowledge already at work. Please welcome each of them as you have welcomed me. The enrichment potential for the League is unlimited.

*Anna Mennerick*

### TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In memory of Keith Parker, Mary Parker's son, from Lois & Malcom Bliss to the LWV St. Louis.

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maxine and Frank Gilner from Sue Dellbringge to the LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Joseph Chilton, Emma Lee Chilton's son, from Anita Koester to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Helen Silverman from Anita Greene, Helen's sister, to LWV St. Louis.

Walter Dean, husband of long time member Jean Dean, died on January 17 in Reston, Virginia. A Memorial Service is planned for the spring. Cards can be sent to Jean at 1569 Trail's Edge Lane, Reston VA 20194.

### No Cost Fundraising Opportunity

Attention *Schnucks* Shoppers

*Schnucks* will donate up to 3% of your purchases to the League's Information Service. (LWVIS)

It's as easy as 1 2 3

1. Pick up a *Schnucks* eScrip card at the customer service counter.
2. Activate the card by calling 800-931-6258. Say your charity is the LWVIS, Group # 500015391 or go to [www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp) and follow instructions.
3. Present your card to the cashier for scanning every time you shop at *Schnucks*.

## PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL THEATER PARTY ARE UNDERWAY

This year, the annual Theater Party fundraiser for the League of Women Voters Information Service will work with Prison Performing Arts to bring the community an amazing combination of theater and information.

Prison Performing Arts is a nonprofit dedicated to enriching the lives of adults and young people in the Missouri criminal and juvenile justice systems. They foster individual and social change by providing current and former inmates opportunities to participate in the performing arts as artists, students and audience members.

The group performs a combination of classic work, a repertoire of Euripides and Shakespeare, and includes modern and original work from the juvenile and adult inmates with which the group works. The production this year is a combination of a presentation about the important work of PPA and the theater production by the program's graduates.

The popular reception following the event will include the PPA staff and the performers and patrons will have the opportunity to participate in discussions.

The performance will be 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Centene Center for the Arts, at 3547 Olive St. in St. Louis. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and parking is available on the street or in a parking lot next door for \$5.

"We are so very excited at the potential this program offers to the League of Women Voters, with the melding of theater and learning for our members," said Development Chair Janice Dahl. "The opportunity of meeting these amazing artists and to learn about their lives is an important part of the League's mission. We will learn while we enjoy their performance art."

The event is the major annual fundraiser for the Information Service. Sponsor levels will be: \$3000 for Diamond level (6 tickets); \$1,000 for Platinum level (6 tickets); \$500 for Gold level (4 tickets); \$300 for Silver level (4 tickets); \$150 for Bronze level (2 tickets). Individual tickets are \$55.

*Janice Dahl, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

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### ***Annual Theater Party 2009 in Partnership with Prison Performing Arts Hosted by the League of Women Voters Information Service***

*1:00 p.m., March 29th, 2009 at the Centene Center for the Performing Arts, 3547 Olive St. Louis, MO*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will be a sponsor at the \$ \_\_\_\_\_ level.

I am unable to sponsor, but would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_ Seating is limited. Please indicate only the seats you will use.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$3000-Diamond**      6 tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$1000-Platinum**      6 tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$500 - Gold**      4 tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$300 - Silver**      4 tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$150 - Bronze**      2 tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$55**      1 ticket

I would like my sponsor contribution to remain anonymous.

Make checks payable to the LWV Information Service. Sponsorships are tax deductible to the extent allowable by the law. Receipts will be provided with your tickets.

**Return to:** League of Women Voters Information Service, 8706 Manchester Rd., Suite 104, St. Louis, MO 63144.

**CANDIDATE FORUMS REPORT**  
**February 16, 2009**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>
Feb.11	Dutchtown South Corporation	25 <sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman/woman	Cleveland High School 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Completed
Feb. 24	LWV	21 <sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman/woman	Julia Davis Library 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Set
Mar. 5	Hazelwood School District	School Board Members	School District Board Room 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Pending*
Mar. 11	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce	Mayor and Alderman/woman	CBC High School Aud. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Pending*
Mar. ?	Ritenour School District	School Board Members.	Administrative Bldg.	Pending*
Mar. 16	Scoop Publications	Mayor	O’Fallon City Hall 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Set
Mar. 19	Crestwood & Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce	Crestwood Alderman/woman	Crestview Senior Living 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Pending*
Mar. 24	Wildwood City Council	City Council Members	Wildwood City Hall 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Set
Mar. 31	Parkway School District	School Board Members	South Middle School 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Set
Mar. 31	Crestwood & Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce	Sunset HillsAlderman/- woman	South Technical High School 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Pending*
Apr. 1	LWV	University City School Board	University City Library 7:15 p.m.	Set

\*Pending – Means awaiting staffing by volunteers – please call Helen Herndon 636-928-0339 if you are available. Training provided. As you can see there is a great demand for League services.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF ST. LOUIS ANNUAL MEETING**

**MAY 9**

**11:30-2:00**

**SPAZIO @ WESTPORT**

**SPEAKER:**

**JUDGE JIMMIE M. EDWARDS, CIRCUIT JUDGE**

**22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL COURT OF MISSOURI**