



**IN LEAGUE REPORTER –MARCH 2011  
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**From the President:**

I would like to quote one of the most recent messages from our National President, Elisabeth MacNamara as she noted the 91st birthday/anniversary of the League of Women Voters, “The League works daily to make sure we have an active citizenry that participates in our democracy ... .“ We work to inform and educate our community. You the members are how all that the League is gets done. The respect and reception the League has is because of the members. It is the many members who put our hands together to produce a voter’s guide (900 candidates in the coming up April election), conduct candidate forums so people can see and speak with candidates in person. We work to educate and protect citizen’s rights from local issues of the earnings tax, registration and voting (opposing the requirement of a photo ID to vote), a state equitable tax structure, environment issues, health care and much more. These are issues legislated at different levels of government but they come down to each of us as individuals - - - meaning we must each participate.

Everyone who knows me knows that with any mention of the League’s anniversary I must remind everyone of what happened on the top floor of the Renaissance Hotel in 1919 right here in St. Louis. Carrie Chapman Catt said, “let there be raised up a league of women voters to finish the fight and be a memorial to the many women had worked to gain the right to vote,” and that day in late March the suffragists knew it was about to happen. So we are still here today, the middle of February at the Old Post Office, just blocks from the Renaissance conducting a forum on the city ballot issue of the earnings tax.

I ask that you think about what you can do to continue “the fight” for the suffragists and for our community - give some time to the League. A couple of hours from many will help produce the April voter’s guide that will contribute to an informed and active citizenry. Call the League office, 314.961.6869.

*Linda C. Mc Daniel*

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**CALENDAR**

Wed.	March 2		Begin Voters Guide	Pg. 6	League Office
Sat.	March 5	9:30 am	Education Committee	Pg. 9	League Office
Tues.	March 8	5:30 pm	Environmental Quality Comm.	Pg. 8	League Office
Thurs.	March 10	10:30 am	Health Care Committee	Pg. 8	Cape Albion
Fri.	March 11	10 am	International Relations Comm.	Pg. 8	St Louis Cnty Lib. Hdqtrs
	March 8-12		Unit Meetings	Pg. 9-10	
Tues.	March 15	8 am	Legislative Day	Pg. 3-4	State Capitol, Jefferson City

# WHERE THE LEAGUE STANDS

## ST. LOUIS EARNINGS TAX

Voting **Yes for Proposition E** on April 5, 2011 to retain the St. Louis City earnings tax is the **NO 1** advocacy issue for the St. Louis League.

The official ballot language is:

**Shall the earning tax of 1 %, imposed by the City of St. Louis, be continued for a period of five (5) years commencing January 1 immediately following the date of this election?**

The following facts have been recently released by the State Auditor's office.

- The earnings tax provides about 39 % of the St. Louis budget, or \$141 million dollars annual revenue.
- If the earnings tax is not retained the city would need to make massive cuts in expenditures, including fire and police services.
- These cuts would lead to a loss of businesses and population, which in turn would cost the City tens of millions of dollars more in revenue.
- A 10 % drop in the City's businesses and population alone would cost St. Louis \$31 million. Combined with the loss of earnings tax, the City would lose 47 % of its current general fund budget.
- This would be disastrous and ruin the City.
- More than 2,000 jobs in the City would be lost.

What City League members can do:

- Vote for Prop E on August 5.
- Encourage others to vote yes for Prop E
- Talk to all those you come in contact with about Prop E
- Send a letter to the editor of at least one local paper. The Post is not the only paper in town.
- Put up a yard sign on your lawn. (The League office will have signs later in the campaign. Check in about 2 weeks to see if they have arrived.)
- Be a volunteer for a phone bank. E-mail me if you are interested.
- Call friend the day of the election to make sure they remembered to vote.

What County League members can do.

- All of the above except the yard signs and the vote.

*Sydell Shayer*  
*slshay@sbcglobal.net*

## THE ENVIRONMENT: SUSTAINABILITY

This article will focus on sustainability efforts within the St Louis Area. This is a just a brief introduction to what several organizations, business and universities in St Louis are doing to become more efficient and sustainable. The universities located in St Louis are all using newer technology to address the global warming and energy conservation.

**1. Washington University in St Louis** has accepted Sustainability as a challenge and is working to reduce its use of energy and resources to the level it had in 1990. All new buildings at WUSTL will be LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified and updates in older buildings will implement energy conservation measures including newer more energy efficient lighting, etc. Several Departments at WUSTL are focused on Sustainability and Energy Conservation including the Washington University's Tyson Research Center. Sustainability at WUSM (Medical Center) is working with individuals and laboratories to save energy, recycle and conserve. They have created the Power of One to emphasis simple steps that individuals can do to reduce, recycle and reuse. All WUSTL staff and students are encouraged to

use Metrolink/buses with the free WUSTL Metrolink pass. Water fountains have been adapted to permit the filling of reusable water bottles. WUSTL has just added a new master's program in Sustainability.

2. **Saint Louis University** is the first and only Jesuit institution of higher learning with a center for sustainability and offers a master's program focused entirely on sustainability. The Center for Sustainability at Saint Louis University is focused on developing creative, collaborative solutions to the urgent environmental challenges facing society through innovative academic programming, applied research, and regional outreach opportunities. They also have a pledge for individual staff and student to take to be more sustainable in their daily lives.

3. **AT&T** is also working to generate less energy required and to be a more sustainable corporation in St Louis. AT&T is deeply committed to environmental sustainability. Their environmental sustainability commitment is based on three tenets: minimizing their environmental impact, connecting people and business, and leading innovation and technology. AT&T is committed to harnessing technology and innovation to develop forward-looking technologies that meet environmental needs in unique ways. Remember each individual can save significant energy drain by unplugging your phone recharger when not charging your cell phone battery.

4. **The Alberici Corporate Headquarters** utilized a Brownfield site to build its corporate headquarters as the first Platinum **LEED building in Missouri** (<http://www.alberici.com>) The company's leader had the vision and commitment to construct the headquarters echoing the highest platinum certification standards of US Green Building Council's (USGBC).

## Join Us for Missouri Legislative Day March 15!

As discussions at the February units showed, our members are concerned about a vast array of legislative issues at the local, state, and national levels. The degree of concern about the Missouri legislative outlook seemed stronger than usual.

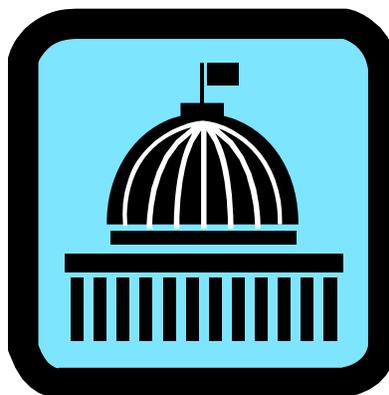
So here's your chance to do something about it. On Tuesday, March 15, the League of Women Voters of Missouri is holding its annual Legislative Day at the State Capitol. The fun begins at 8 a.m., so if you are not a morning person, you might consider the recommendation of some members who drove to Jefferson City the night before, shared a nice dinner and a reasonably-priced hotel room, and arrived fresh to take in the day's program.

The day usually begins with an informative presentation by someone in the know. Then we should be able to drop in on a committee session if we like, and later visit your own representative or key legislators. You should be able to see debate on the floor of the House and Senate during the day too.

If you've never done any lobbying before, don't worry. You won't be sent out alone or uninstructed. Your main job is just to be friendly and repeat what you heard in the morning briefing to either a staff member or legislator.

With the early start, we're usually be likely to be back in St. Louis

If you want to attend, please leave a up car pools to the extent you would like to discuss the day's goals or Chair Nancy Thompson,



finished by 1 or 2 p.m., so you would before rush hour.

message at the office, and we will set like. If you have questions or would logistics, contact Legislative Action 314.436.7009 extension 104.

## LWVMO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2011

Making democracy work with an electoral process that is fair, accurate, efficient, accessible, accountable and uniform including:

- campaign finance reform
- ethics reform
- progress toward elimination of term limits
- opposition to a required voter photo ID
- changes to the voting process that encourage citizen participation
- appropriate use of initiative petition
- compact and contiguous redistricting
- Progressive tax policy promoting financial stability and adequate funding for state services

League supports and continues to monitor:

- Equal access to quality public education for all Missouri children
- Energy initiatives to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change
- Access to quality, affordable healthcare, including mental health, and preventive public health measures
- Maintaining the non-partisan court plan for selecting judges
- Death penalty moratorium
- Child safety and well-being

## MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE IN APRIL 2011

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis Board of Directors has voted unanimously to increase the 2011-2012 membership dues. The amount of increase was reached after lengthy discussions by the Membership Committee and the Board, and was also based on recommendations by the Investment Committee that an increase in dues was imperative for the St. Louis League to remain financially stable. Dues were last increased in the spring of 2007.

Membership at the Individual level will increase to \$70.00 (from \$60.00) and the Household membership will increase to \$30.00 for *each* additional member in household (from \$20 for two or more at same address). In addition to the Individual and Household levels of membership, the following dues structure was adopted, effective April 1, 2011, the beginning of the new membership year:

<b>Sustaining Membership</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Supporting Membership</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Contributing Membership</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
<b>Individual Membership</b>	<b>\$ 70</b>
<b>Each Additional Member in</b>	
<b>Household</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>
<b>Full-Time Student Membership</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>
<b>Discount Membership (For anyone</b>	
<b>who cannot afford an Individual</b>	
<b>Membership)</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>

Dues notices will be mailed this month.



Many League members realize that their annual dues payments are distributed among three distinct League organizations: LWV National, LWV State, and finally, our local St. Louis LWV. What members may not realize is that the required “Per Member Payment” (referred to as the PMP) to the State and National Leagues leaves very little for the operating costs for the St. Louis League.

Currently, the National PMP is \$29.70, and will increase to \$30.00 in 2011-2012.

The State PMP is currently \$15.00, but will probably be increased at the State Convention in May. For 2011-2012, National and State obligations will be \$45.00 (\$30.00 + \$15.00), and are covered by our membership dues.

Out of a \$70.00 Individual Membership, this leaves only \$25.00 per member for the St. Louis League to continue funding:

- The Executive Director and part-time Office Administrator positions
- The cost of mailings to members
- Monthly phone, and rent expenditures
- Board operations
- Meeting and event costs
- Convention and workshop support
- Newsletter printing
- Maintenance of our website

**The St. Louis League has had greater visibility in the community over the last year than in recent years. We are proud of our leadership in modeling civil, issues-based conversations. Your membership keeps the League strong, and your support is crucial to continuing the services on which St. Louis depends.**

You have been an important part of the League in the past, and we thank you for your years of service. We will always welcome members who want to give support to the League because they believe in its principles and programs even if they are unable to be active participants. The League grows stronger not only by attracting new members, but by retaining valued members like you.

*Linda McDaniel, President*

*Pat Jones, Membership*

## **THE LEAGUE IN FEBRUARY**

*An Afternoon with a Good Play and Good Company is Good for the League*



Things didn't look promising for the annual Theater Party on the morning of February 5<sup>th</sup>. Four to six inches of snow had fallen overnight on the metropolitan area. But by 10:30 the sun was out, the caterer was on his way to set up and the show was on! Friends of the League braved the snowy roads and turned out to enjoy the afternoon. The Mustard Seed Theatre's production of *Shadowlands*, the story of C.S. Lewis and American poet Joy Gresham's extraordinary relationship, drew rave reviews. Michael Brightman's food was terrific.

Special thanks to Patti Walley who secured the play and helped us manage the event, Julie Behrens who went above and beyond the call of duty, and Sydell Shayer, who with her usual grace, persuaded folks to open their wallets. We could not have been successful without our sponsors: Anonymous, Mary Brown, Mary Ellen Brucker, Lori Calcaterra, Becky Clausen, Marj Courtney, Helen Davis, Sue Dellbringge, Kay Dusenberry, Naomi and Bob Edmonds, Janet Fales, Kathleen Farrell and Julian Long, Doris Flowers, Susan Fluegel, Agnes and Dave Garino, Eve and Jeffrey Golden, Pat Gray, Andrea Jackson, Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Yvonne Logan, Rene Michelson, Cindy and Tom Mitchell, Jeanne Morrell-Franklin and Bob Franklin, Julia Muller and Earl Shreckengast, Thomas Newcomb Jr., Marty Ott, Mary Beth Reynolds, Pat Rich, Sydell and Larry Shayer, Judith and Clifford Smart, Marion Stuvland, Peggy and Bill Vickroy, Paul and Kay Wentzien, and Pat and Vicky Witte. Special thanks to our corporate sponsor Gabe Grossberg and Delmar Gardens.

In addition to our sponsors, we also thank those who supported us by purchasing tickets. We netted over \$7,000 to support the League and the League Information Service.

*Kathleen Farrell,  
Development Chair*

## ***CIVILITY PROJECT***

Session I of the CIVILITY WORKSHOPS was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at the St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. An unexpected snowstorm caused several registered participants to miss the first session and our moderator, Professor Larkin, was stuck in the snow in traffic! However, the League members present persevered and the event was held with eight elected officials and nine League members present. C.J. and her students did an excellent job of presenting the materials and working with the participants. Session II of the training and a make-up for Session I takes place on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Committee members Katharine Kilpatric, Lolly Wehrl, Cindy Mitchell, Pat Soraghan, Janis Pupillo, and Events Chair Eve Golden worked tirelessly to make this project a success! Thanks to Kara White for doing the nametags and covers for us. Thank you also to President Linda McDaniel for overseeing the sessions.

*Nancy Miller, Project Chair*

## **EARNINGS TAX FORUM**

The Old Post Office was the scene for a lively discussion of the Earnings Tax ballot initiative which will be on the April 2011 ballot in St. Louis City. Approximately 170 people attended the forum. The League co-sponsored the event with the Downtown St. Louis Residents Association and the Holden Policy Forum. Mayor Francis Slay, Comptroller Darlene Green, CEO of NSI Marketing Systems Mark Montovani, and SEUI Local 1 VP Nancy Cross gave statements in support of the initiative and answered numerous questions from the audience. Professor Andrew Glassberg from UMSL and Chad Garrison of the Riverfront Times questioned the panelists. Kathleen Farrell, moderated the forum and explained the League's support for retaining the Earnings Tax. League volunteers Linda McDaniel, Yvonne Blair, Ida West, Alfreda Brown, Doris Buzzell, Pat Jones, Dixie Buford, Mary Long, and Kathleen Kelley welcomed audience members, collected and sorted questions, kept speakers within their time limits and made the forum a success.

## **THE LEAGUE AT WORK**

### **VOTERS GUIDE**

LWV Begins its Second Year of Voters Guide Collaboration with the Post-Dispatch After successfully producing four Voters' Guides this past year (April, August, November 2010 and March 2011) we are

gearing up to produce an April 2011 edition. Featuring more than 950 candidates and 30 ballot initiatives, the Guide will cover St. Louis, St. Charles, Lincoln, Franklin, Warren and Jefferson counties and the City of St. Louis for the April 5<sup>th</sup> election. The League's work on the Guides has received rave reviews from the public and the Post-Dispatch staff. It has brought increased visibility to our organization, resulting in invitations to facilitate high profile candidate and issue forums, guest opinion columns and other collaborative efforts. In addition to producing the content for the Guides, League volunteers distributed 30,000 copies to local libraries, senior centers, public recreation facilities, churches, YMCAs and Starbucks.

**We need all hands on deck beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>** to research ballot issues, enter candidate information, process candidate photographs and edit and proofread. Please call the office, 314.961.6869 and volunteer to help with this important work.

*Kathleen Farrell,  
Voters Guide Coordinator*

## **CANDIDATE FORUMS**

A sure sign of spring is the upcoming April 5 election and the requests for League-moderated Candidate Forums. The following forums are scheduled for March:

**Thursday, March 3: Bridgeton Mayor, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

Bridgeton Trails Public Library  
3455 McKelvey Rd., 63044

**Thursday, March 3: Hazelwood School Board, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Hazelwood School District Learning Center  
15955 New Halls Ferry Rd., 63031

**Monday, March 7: Kirkwood R-7 School Board, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Kirkwood Admin. Building Conference Room  
11289 Manchester Rd., 63122

**Tuesday, March 8: Rockwood School Board, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Crestview Middle School  
16025 Clayton Rd., 63011

**Wednesday, March 9: Florissant Mayor, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

JFK Community Center  
315 Howdershell Rd., 63031

**Thursday, March 10: St. Louis County Assessor, (time to be announced)**

University of Missouri St. Louis (exact location to be announced)

**Monday, March 14: Ritenour School Board, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Ritenour Middle School Cafeteria  
2500 Marshall Ave., 63114

**Thursday, March 24: Wildwood City Council, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Wildwood City Hall, Council Chambers  
183 Plaza Dr., 63040

**Monday, March 28: Brentwood School Board, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Brentwood School District Admin. Office  
1201 Hanley Industrial Ct., 63144

**Wednesday, March 30: Webster Groves School Board, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Hixson Middle School Auditorium  
630 S. Elm and Hwy. 44, 63119

Several other forums are in the planning stage, and will be added to the schedule very soon. For updates to The Spring 2011 Candidate Forum Schedule, go to [lwvstl.org](http://lwvstl.org) and click on Calendar, and then Candidate Forum Schedule.

The League's mission is to empower citizens to participate meaningfully in the democratic process. One of the best ways for voters to learn about people seeking election is to hear candidates speak and answer questions in a public forum. Our Candidate Forums are respected as models of civil, nonpartisan, issues-based conversations, and we couldn't provide this service without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past, and please consider volunteering this election season.

*Pat Jones,*  
*Candidate Forum Coordinator*

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Relations Committee will meet on Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters. Our study topic is China. All are welcome to attend.



*Judith Smart, Chair*

## HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

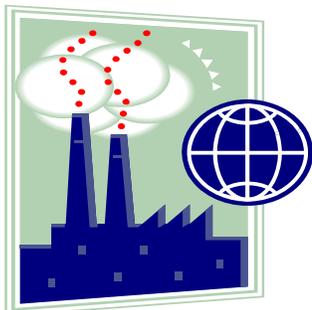


The League of Women Voters Health Care Committee will meet on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Cape Albeon at 10:30 a.m. in the private dining room. We will discuss "Health Care Justice" in line with the League's position on Health Care. Call Katharine Kilpatric at 636.861.7148 if you have any questions relating to directions to the meeting place or if you plan to attend. Cape Albeon from Highway 270 and Dougherty Ferry: go west on Dougherty Ferry to Lake Bend Drive, (after you cross Big Bend) left on Lake Bend Drive and you are there.

*Katharine Kilpatric, Chair*

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

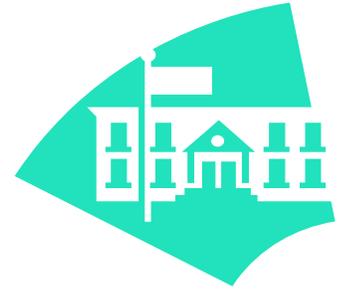
The next meeting of the Environmental Quality Committee will be Tuesday, March 8th at the League Office at 5:30 p.m. Dessert will be provided. The committee will be presenting to the units this month. Contact EQ Chair, Mickey Croyle ([mcroyle@wustl.edu](mailto:mcroyle@wustl.edu) or (314.395.7876) with suggestions or questions.



*Mickey Croyle, Chair*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee will meet on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the League Office. In preparation for the national study, we are looking at some state issues. Since adequate and equitable funding for public education is a position at all three levels-local, state and national we feel the need to be more informed about the Missouri Foundation Formula, K-12. The Foundation Formula is Missouri's primary method of distributing money to public schools.



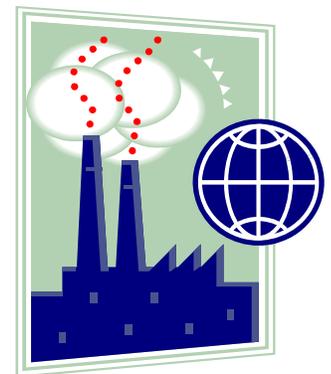
Dr. John Urkevich, Executive Director of the Cooperating School District, will speak at our meeting on this topic with a brief update on the Legislative bills under consideration for funding appropriations. Cooperating School Districts (CSD) of Greater St. Louis is a non-profit education consortium that serves teachers, administrators, support staff and school board members in 61 public school districts in eight Missouri counties and two Illinois counties. The mission of CSD is to provide member school districts with high-quality and cost-effective services, resources and leadership to achieve educational excellence for all students. CSD serves as a proactive voice for education. To learn more about the many services go to [www.csd.org](http://www.csd.org).

League members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Come prepared to ask questions about funding our public schools and to gain more knowledge about this complex state revenue allocation. Please contact Marty Ott if you plan to attend.

*Marty Ott, chair*  
314.434.0330  
[martyott06@yahoo.com](mailto:martyott06@yahoo.com)

## UNIT MEETINGS

Come to the March Units to participate in a discussion on small steps that can help our environment. Visit the LWVSTL webpage for helpful resources and additional information: LWV Natural Resource Positions, links to LWVUS Global Warming, articles on Sustainability from the ILR, etc. ***If you cannot make it to a Unit Meeting – please visit the webpage to complete the questionnaire.*** The unit with the most sustainable average will receive recognition at the Annual Meeting and have homemade treats for the April Unit Meeting. Please visit the webpage prior to your Unit Meeting.



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### UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON

Tuesday, March 8  
9:15 a.m. coffee

### NEW LOCATION !!

Carol Portman's  
155 N. Hanley Rd.  
9:30 a.m. meeting  
Leader: Carol Portman, 314.726.3269

Directions: Southwest corner Hanley and Pershing. If no space in front of building, park on Pershing.

**WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD**

Wednesday, March 9  
 9:30 a.m. meeting  
 Host: Lolly Wehrli  
 636.861.0287

**CAPE ALBEON**

3380 Lake Bend Dr., Valley Park  
 Katherine Kirkpatric  
 636.861.7198  
 Leader: Mary Long, 314.849.7045

Directions: Directions: From Highway 270 and Dougherty Ferry, go West on Dougherty Ferry, cross Big Bend and turn left on Lake Bend Drive.

**CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR**

Thursday March. 10  
 9:30 a.m. meeting  
 Noon salad lunch

**HOME OF SYDELL SHAYER**

709 Champeix Lane  
 314.434.5116  
 Leader: Mary Brown, 636.532.0833

Directions: 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.

**EVENING UNIT**

Thursday, March. 10  
 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. 12  
 10:30 a.m.

**TRINITY CHURCH**

Euclid and Washington  
 Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert, 314.925.8251

Our meeting is from 10:30 till noon at Trinity Episcopal Church at the corner of Washington and Euclid in the Central West End. If you need more information or a ride, call Kathleen Farrell at 314.773.2876.

***PLANNING AHEAD***

Clayton/U. City Unit  
 April 12 9:30 a.m.  
 LWV Office  
 Topic: Home Foreclosures and how they  
 Impact the Homeless  
 Speaker: Chris Krehmeyer, Director, Beyond Housing

***LOOKING FOR OBSERVER CORPS VOLUNTEERS!!***

Part of the League's mission is to be well informed about what our government is doing. An effective way of doing that is to train and deploy volunteers to just attend and observe government bodies. It might sound tedious, but that's what it takes to really know what's going on, and if you stick with it, you become an expert! We need to grow our experts. If you are interested in becoming an Observer, please email Kathleen Kelly @ [dkbkmk01@swbell.net](mailto:dkbkmk01@swbell.net) or call 314.533.3972.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Member:  
Mary Kay Belota  
7424 Ethel Ave.  
St. Louis MO 63117-1608

Address Change:  
Dr. Peter & Patricia Raven  
2345 Tower Grove  
St. Louis, MO 63110-3420

## TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

In honor of Larry & Sydell Shayer's birthdays to LWV St. Louis from Sue Dellbringge and K Wentzien.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thanks to the "worker bees" who assisted the office with mailings, telephone work, speakers bureau, voter guides (mailing and entering date), and the ever popular candidate forums. The list is growing every day. Thanks to Nancy Bowser, Doris Buzzell, Esther & Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Verna & Clyde Creel, Kathleen Farrell, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Linda McDaniel, Tom Mennerick, Judith Smart, and Patti Walley.

There are many opportunities if you wish to help with candidate forums or voter guides. Please call the office (314.961.6869) and let us know what you would like to do.

*Julie Behrens, Staff*

### Volunteer Coordinator Needed

The St. Louis League is looking for an individual interested in working approximately 5-10 hours a month. This is a paid position, 10 hours a month and pay \$10 per hour. The *Volunteer Coordinator* position becomes more important as the League expands activities such as the Voters Guide. Interested persons should contact Anna at the League office.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS – Anna Mennerick

I overheard a conversation in the office the other day where members were discussing "official" political party platforms which have experienced shift and drift. Some League positions that may have been shared by one national political party 40 years ago have, while themselves remaining consistent, become shared by the other major party. This phenomena reinforces why the League is so important. Our positions, honed by study, conversation and consensus are our best guidelines for encouraging good government. They are not subject to the whims of public opinion or media attention.

Our commitment to voter registration, education and invigoration remain constant. We do not endorse candidates, we create a means for individual citizens to evaluate compare and choose their own. As we enter another election season we remain a bulwark for voter service.



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