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### SENATOR SIFTON HIGHLIGHTS ANNUAL MEETING

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis met for our Annual Meeting on April 27th at the Highlands Golf and Tennis Clubhouse. The Business meeting, conducted by Co-Presidents Kathleen Farrell and Linda McDaniel, included a review of the numerous activities and achievements of the League in 2012-2013 and the election of officers and Board members for 2013-2014. Officers re-elected were, Co-presidents Linda McDaniel and Kathleen Farrell and 1st Vice President Pat Jones.



Sydell Shayer and Catherine Stenger, along with new Board member **Pat Soraghan.**



The nominating committee for 2014, composed of K Wentzien, Chair, Alfreda Brown and Mary K Brown was also

electd. Retiring members Katharine Kilpatric, Alfreda Brown, and Mary Beth Reynolds were thanked for their outstanding service to the Board.

A delicious lunch was served followed by a choice of desserts. Arrangements for the luncheon were made by Eve Golden, Events Chair.



The guest speaker for the event was State Senator Scott Sifton, representing District 1. Senator Sifton, accompanied by

his son, Steven, took time to greet members and talk about the issues faced by this year's Missouri Senate. Issues discussed by Senator Sifton included current bills on education: pre-school funding, the school formula and post k-12 funding; SB 26 regarding state income and sales tax; and current status and possibilities for Medicaid expansion in the state. Senator Sifton spoke on other issues as well as answering Leaguer's questions.

During the business meeting, the 2013-14 budget was approved .

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## MORE FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



*Past President and loyal volunteer, Mickey Hall and Nominating Committee member Ida West enjoy good conversation with their meal.*



*New Member Brenda Bartz, Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Harris and Ida West enjoy the luncheon April 27th at the Highlands Golf and Tennis Clubhouse.*



*Co-President Kathleen Farrell presents the numerous Information Services projects and events, especially the Voter Guide, as part of the Presidents' Report.*



*Vice-President Pat Jones and member Kathy Maret sell 50-50 tickets. Ida West was the big winner!*



*Co-President Linda McDaniel urges current members to recruit new members for the League.*

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Treasurer Becky Clausen presented the 2013-2014 budget for approval. Becky has restructured the budget format to allow a closer analysis of fundraising results. Becky encouraged everyone to call her or the office if a more detailed report is desired. The League of Women Voters of St. Louis Program for 2013-2014, recently updated by Betty Ann Gilbert, was also presented. Members were urged to thoroughly read the Annual Meeting booklet to have an up-to-date knowledge of the League positions.

All members were urged to contact their state senator supporting a No vote on SB 26, the bill to decrease state income tax and increase state sales tax.

## ***Year-end Message From the Presidents:***

The St. Louis League had the busiest and most visible year in recent history. The 2012 Annual Meeting was barely over when voter service work for the upcoming August primary and November primary election began. We began at the Spring LWVMO conference in St. Charles working with our sister Leagues to organize a statewide Voters Guide effort and work on statewide ballot issues. A St. Louis delegation converged on the LWVUS convention in Washington D.C., visited our congressional leaders, attended numerous workshops and presentations and took in the sites. We came back with renewed commitment to fight voter suppression, use VOTE411, increase membership and become the go-to organization in our community for voter information.

All summer long we built partnerships with Kids Voting Missouri, Focus St. Louis, MASW, the Power to the People Project, a collaboration of “The Divine Nine” Fraternities and Sororities, 100 Black Men, 100 Black Women, and the NAACP to provide voter service to the community.

We developed educational handouts on Voter I.D., voting rights for those who had been incarcerated, voter registration requirements, and signing ballot issue petitions.

We developed lesson plans for 250+ participating Kids’ Voting Missouri teachers and volunteers.

We developed handouts on the November statewide ballot issues, distributed over 5,000 printed copies and numerous electronic copies in the St. Louis region, and made them available to all Missouri local leagues.

Our August, November, and April Voters Guides reached over 750,000 people. On November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> approximately 600,000 accessed VOTE411 online in our region.

Our volunteers distributed over 30,000 printed guides to over 100 libraries and other community locations.

We gave over 30 presentations to community groups.

We co-sponsored forums, conferences, and election related events.

We ran three St. Louis Housing Authority elections.

We were featured on five local television stations, six print newspapers, LeMonde from Paris, France, 5 radio stations, and had three appearances on STL TV.

We assisted over 1,500 voters during the KMOV Election Day hotline and close to 1,000 on the League Office voter assistance hotline before the August and November elections.

In addition, you can read the reports about our voter registration efforts and candidate forums. It was quite an election year!

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And there is more the League did in 2012-13:

- We worked with FOCUS St. Louis and St. Louis County Library to hold 5 community forums across the St Louis area on ballot issues for the November 2012 election.
- We appeared several times on St. Louis City TV to talk about the League elections and ballot issues.
- We worked with the Power to the People at the Black Expo to demonstrate on-line Vote411 and conducted back to back candidate forums.
- We participated in a panel at a Term Limit Conference at University of Missouri – St. Louis.
- We participated in a panel on women’s issues at St. Louis University Gruenberg Society conference.
- We met with three different groups of international visitors hosted by the World Affairs Council.
- We conducted legislative interviews with the newly elected legislators in St. Louis City and County.
- We had a pot luck for new and prospective members.
- We attended Fall State Conference in Sedalia .
- We answered many question on the phone and in person about the League, governmental processes, how to contact government officials and more.

We also tried to keep the home fires burning at the League office, held Fall Kickoff and a very well attended Holiday Luncheon where we donated over 200 children’s books, met with international visitors on three occasions, held monthly board meetings, worked with units to set priorities for the next few years, and tried to represent our league to the best of our ability.

It indeed was a busy, busy year but a good one. We connected with our membership, and our community in many, many ways. We look forward to 2013-2014 to be just as rewarding.

We could not have done it without the support of Anna Mennerick and Julie Behrens in the office, the dedicated board members and the numerous volunteers who answered every call for service. We are honored to have served as your co-presidents.

*Linda Claire McDaniel*

*Kathleen Farrell*

*Co-Presidents*

### **BUDGET UPDATE : TOTAL 7/1/2012-4/ 5/2013**

**To 4/5/2013 = 76% of Budget Year**

	<b>LWVSTL</b>	<b>% OF BUDGETED</b>	<b>LWVIS</b>	<b>% OF BUDGETED</b>
INCOME	26,475	75%	14,150	28%
EXPENSES	21,335	60%	32,500	53%
NET	5,140		-18350	
<b>WITHDRAWAL FROM VANGUARD</b>			<b>15,000</b>	

## Rally in Jefferson City for Equal Pay Commission

League members from across the state joined members of the American Association of University Women and National Organization for Women on Wednesday, April 17th in Jefferson City to rally for pay equity in Missouri. Ten members of the St. Louis League joined in rally in the capitol rotunda. State Presidents of the three organizations spoke to the gathering, stressing both the history of the movement for equal pay and the continuing efforts in the present and future to accomplish the goal. St Louis County Representative Stacy Newman has filed HB 520 to require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish an Equal Pay Commission to study pay equity in Missouri. Representative Newman spoke to the



Back row, l—r: Nancy Miller, Mary Beth Reynolds, Becky Clausen, Ginny Hartley, and Susan Williams. Front row, l-r: Eve Golden, Catherine Stenger, Linda McDaniel, and Marty Ott. Dianne Modrell was attending a Medicaid Hearing .



Rep. Stacy Newman

group, thanking them for their interest and involvement, reminding them how important their participation is. Representative Judy Morgan from Kansas City also spoke to the group, which included a large delegation from Kansas City, shoring the sentiments of Rep. Newman. Also presenting was the president of the University of Missouri-Columbia Association of University Women. Part of the event included delivering a Pay Day candy bar with an addition wrapper picture below. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet with their senators and representatives who were available.

### MEDICAIDE RALLY ATTRACTS 1000+ IN JEFFERSON CITY

Thousands came to Jefferson City on April 16 in support of Medicaid Expansion. They held a rally in the rotunda that drew one of the largest crowds of the session. Governor Nixon and presenters from varying perspectives spoke of the importance of seeing Medicaid offered to the 250,000 - 300,000 additional recipients with inclusion of those up to 138% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Jobs - up to 24,000. Nurses, Doctors and Hospitals would receive payment through the expansion and fewer patients (charity care) would be treated who currently cannot provide payment at all. Reducing emergency room use while increasing the health and well-being of our citizens would be of benefit.

Neither the Senate nor House Budgets included money for the full expansion for our State. Several related bills are still being heard, but there isn't a specific health reform bill ready for a floor vote in either chamber. Some say there isn't time to make any favorable health reform bills come to a floor vote this session. Leadership should lead. Timeliness is the imperative for action, however. Each day delayed is money left on the table by our legislature.

*Transformation* has been the key word for the majority party. An omnibus insurance bill is widely discussed and should be watched closely for incorporation of ACA elements: it is Senate Bill (SB) 262. Some of the ideas of HB 700, 701 and other previous bills related to health care may emerge.

*Dianne Mondrell, Health Comm. Chair attended the Rally and attends committee hearings and speaks with lawmakers on a regular basis.*



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Units will not meet during the summer. They will reconvene in October. Look for information about the topic schedule in September's In League Reporter.

The **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** and the **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** will resume in the fall.



Marty Ott, Chair

Catherine Stenger, Chair



**EQ** will meet on **Tuesday, May 14th**, 7pm at the League office .  
*Mickey Croyle, Chair*



**HEALTH COMMITTEE** will meet **Thursday, May 23** 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, 11155 Clayton Road 63131.



Our meeting will focus on the concluding legislative session and the status of health care reform. We hope to have a special guest House Representative (invited, but not confirmed) who can speak from their perspective.

We will also look ahead for future health care issues.

*Dianne Modrell, Chair*

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

International Relations will meet on **Friday, May 3rd**, 10am at the St. Louis County Library. Our IR group received what we considered a good reception at the units on our topic of **UN Women**. We have a new study topic: **KOREA**. We wanted something that is in the news and Korea certainly falls into that category at the moment. We also thought we would save another promising topic, that of a compare and contrast of election processes in a few select countries, until 2014-2015 as that would be relevant and ideal just before the next US election season. Now to the topic of study: Korea. We will be covering both North and South. Many topics are still open including their legal systems, contemporary problems, military, culture, etc. We welcome all the help we can get on these open topics or others we may have left out that would be of interest to you. If you know of individuals who have visited/lived in Korea, please invite them to join us. Also if you know of a good speaker for us, please bring that name to the attention of the committee. We invite all to join us on May 3 at the STL County Library HQ. (We will not meet in June, July, or August.)

*Judith Smart, Chair*







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**IN MEMORIAM**

Dr. Charles Parker, husband of long-time League member Dr. Mary Parker, died Tuesday, April 23, at their home in Webster Groves. A memorial service will be held at 3pm, May 19 at the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves. Charlie and Mary have been lifelong supporters of the League in St. Louis. Our sympathies go to Mary, her daughters, son and extended family.

**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

This month's projects included the St. Louis League's annual meeting held on April 27 and the Missouri State Convention held on May 4-5.

**Thanks** to those volunteers who helped in April 2013: Stephen Aylward, Esther Clark, Becky Clausen, Verna & Clyde Creel, Kathleen Farrell, Agnes Garino, Betty Ann Gilbert, Eve Golden, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Debby Howard, Pat Jones, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Barbara Nagel, Marty Ott, Mary Beth Reynolds, Catherine Stenger, and K Wentzien. If we missed acknowledging anyone please let us know. Also, don't forget to sign the volunteer book in the office so we can keep a good record of our volunteers' hours.

If you have a few free hours to donate to the League please call and we will be happy to see you. Call Anna at the League office 314.961.6869.

Thanks, it was a great League year and looking forward to working with everyone this coming League year.  
Julie Behrens, Staff



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR      ANNA MENNERICK**

Spring has sprung, thank goodness. This year I was beginning to have my doubts. As we paused to celebrate at the annual meeting, I was amazed by all our accomplishments this year. Take some time this summer to think about which of our projects you would like to join with in the coming year. Many hands make light work and many voices can enjoy heartier laughs and closer friendships as we continue to empower democracy in the St. Louis Region.

**The number 1 goal of the League this year is to build membership. Take this opportunity to copy, print\*, or give this application to one of your friends. The goal we have set is for every member to recruit 2 additional members this year. Do Your Part—Grow the League!**

*\* To print a single page, hold down the ctrl and P keys for a few seconds. It may then print. If a box pops up, type the number of the page you wish to print and click on Print.*

## 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

### League of Women Voters of St. Louis

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**DUES INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LWVSTL**

#### Annual Membership Dues — April 1st, 2013 - March 31st, 2014

Sustaining	\$1,000	\$ _____
Supporting	\$ 500	\$ _____
Contributing	\$ 250	\$ _____
Individual (1st member in household)	\$ 70	\$ _____
Each Additional Household Member	\$ 30 X _____ =	\$ _____
Student	\$ 30	\$ _____
For anyone who cannot afford the Individual Level	\$ 45	\$ _____
Contribution		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

*The cost of operation for the League of Women Voters of St. Louis far exceeds the amount of dues. Please consider a generous contribution in addition to your dues.*

### Interest Checklist

*Please check your interest areas.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Action (Advocacy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Issue Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Board Leadership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Forums
- \_\_\_\_\_ Civics Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Civility Project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Data Entry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Development/Fund Raising
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Events Planning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health Care
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housing
- \_\_\_\_\_ International Relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Action
- \_\_\_\_\_ Media Relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters/Publications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Observer Corps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Office Support
- \_\_\_\_\_ Speakers Bureau
- \_\_\_\_\_ State or National Level Leadership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Technology/Website Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Meeting Leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voters Guide
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voter Registration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voter Service Hotline

*The League of Women Voters depends on volunteer leadership to carry out the work of the organization.*

***Thank you in advance for your service!***



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**MAY 2013 CALENDAR**

<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>International Relations Comm</b>	<b>STLC Library Headqtrts</b>
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	<b>May 4,5</b>		<b>LWVMO State Convention</b>	<b>Jefferson City</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Environmental Quality Comm.</b>	<b>League Office</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>LWVSTL/IS Board Meeting</b>	<b>League Office</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>1:30-3:30</b>	<b>Health Comm.</b>	<b>Faith Des Peres Presb.</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 27</b>		<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>