



The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County, MO

GALA CELEBRATION OF OUR LWV CENTENNIAL!!

Time to Celebrate! Our 100th Anniversary Gala will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church.

The Mothersingers will provide the entertainment, and the City of Columbia and Boone County Commission will be presenting proclamations honoring the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County for our work over the century.

Evelyn Maddox, President of LWV of Missouri, will share her thoughts and we will present our Outstanding Citizen Award to Steve Hollis, and our Liz Schmidt Community Service Award to the Voluntary Action Center.

Refreshments will be served and there is no cost to attend. Let us know that you are coming. Please rsvp by December 2 to Joni O'Connor at (573) 234-1012 or joni@h2oc.com.

We hope you will plan to attend this once in a lifetime event!



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Stephen and Joan Mudrick, Joni O'Connor and Win Colwill marched Nov. 24 to celebrate our centennial

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING REPORT

The League board met on November 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Pam Springsteel, chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, reported that the Columbia School Board named the new middle school for someone other than our suggestion of **Luella St. Clair Moss**. We will urge the school board to name the new 2022 elementary school for Luella St. Clair Moss.

Kate Canterbury updated the board on plans for the centennial event on December 11, from 6-8 p.m. at **Dog Masters Brewery**. Brianna Lennon will speak at the event and provide pizza. See the related article on pg. 3.

The Stephens College **Suffragette Fashion Show** will continue into next semester. Remember that our very own exhibit is ongoing at the **Boone County History & Culture Center**. We hope you will plan to visit them.

The **Equali-Tea** with AAUW is confirmed to be at the First Baptist Church on February 15.

Legislator Night has been re-named a more friendly title: **"Conversations with Your Legislators."** The Board approved an Ed Fund request to cover the costs of rental for ARC meeting rooms and ads for the event. We were pleased to learn that Representatives Cheri Reisch, Martha Stevens and Kip Kendrick plan to attend. Each legislator will speak for five minutes about their priorities, followed by questions from the audience, and then the session will break into small groups for constituents and legislators to converse.

Lunch & Learn - Barbara Hoppe reported on plans for upcoming Lunch & Learn programs

(see article on Dec. L&L on pg. 3). Marilyn reported she has talked to a representative from the City of Columbia about their Inclusivity Impact Institute, and the Board decided that would be a good topic for the May L&L.

Tracking for Making Democracy Work (MDW) and People Powered Fair Maps grants – Marilyn and Carol reminded Board members that we need to track volunteers, hours of volunteering and any expenses paid (and not reimbursed) for our events related to both grants. As part of the MDW grant, we will be provided with access to the state VOTE411 online election information resource. Mahree Skala volunteered to help with the VOTE411 voter guide.

As part of the MDW Grant, local Leagues are asked to set a plan and goals for fundraising. The Board discussed changes to the statement to include not only financial contributions but all of the contributions our Board regularly makes and how that fulfills the requirement.

LWVUS Day of Action - Local Leagues are encouraged to sponsor a Day of Action on February 14, the 100th anniversary date of the national League. Carol Schreiber had forwarded a list of possible actions. The Board decided to send Valentine cards to all our elected officials thanking them for serving (see more on pg. 8).

This month is the 100th Anniversary of our local chapter of the League of Women Voters! This is cause to celebrate! Many local chapters around the state and the country have disappeared over the years, but ours remains strong and very active! I am so fortunate and
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ERA COMMITTEE UPDATE

The ERA committee met to strategize our next moves based on input from our September 13th event. We will focus on two efforts: educating about and advocating for the ratification of the ERA in Missouri.

The next legislative session will begin the week of January 7, 2020. The ERA bill will be registered next year as a concurrent bill, due to having



been registered in the past. The ERA bill will then be sent to the Rules and Ethics Committee again. The Rules and Ethics Committee is chaired by Senator Caleb Rowden.

We will reconvene December 16th to refine our smaller group work to move forward on our efforts.

— Teri Miller, tstm49@gmail.com

LUNCH & LEARN: COLUMBIA'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT!!!

Our **Tuesday Dec. 10** Lunch and Learn Program will be "Women Who Made a Difference: Columbia's Suffrage Movement." Tim Dollens, library staff member and past president of the Genealogical Society of Boone County and Central Missouri, will tell the history of the Women's Suffrage movement in Mid-Missouri.

The program will be held from noon to 1 p.m in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library.

Lunch & Learn programs focus on public policy issues of interest to citizens of mid-Missouri and are cosponsored with the Columbia Public Library. Although no lunch is provided, attendees are welcome to bring their own or purchase snacks at the library kiosk.

— Barbara Hoppe



DOGMASTER DISTILLERY LWV CENTENNIAL PARTY DEC. 11

On December 11th, our League will cheer 100 years of our League chapter and kick off celebrations for the centennial of women's right to vote at DogMaster Distillery, located at 210 James St in Columbia.

This cocktail event will feature Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon as our guest of honor. Brianna will update us on plans for the Boone County Centennial and share why she is part of the League. League president Marilyn McLeod will also be speaking about what the modern day League of Women Voter's mission is and what the Columbia-Boone County

chapter has accomplished in the past year. The cash bar will feature a special centennial celebration cocktail and light snacks will be served.

A special thank you to Lisa Driskel Hawxby, owner of DogMaster Distillery, for hosting us. Come support a local business and our local League by raising a glass to 100 years of all we have accomplished!

— Kate Canterbury



LWV FEATURED IN COLUMBIA'S NOV. 24 HOLIDAY PARADE



Above, Kate Canterbury (center) and her daughter Jane, flanked by Kathryn Allen and Meredith Donaldson, led the LWV marchers in the parade. Members and supporters, many wearing "Votes for Women" sashes, walked the 10 block parade route from the intersection of Broadway and College to 5th and Locust.



Below, Marilyn McLeod, Win Colwill and Linda Brown rode in Phil Shocklee's 1930 Model A Ford Roadster.



LAWSUIT ON MOTOR VOTER ISSUE HAS BEEN SETTLED

The League of Women Voters of Missouri and the Kansas City-area chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an AFL-CIO constituency, filed a lawsuit in April 2018. The lawsuit alleged the Department of Revenue was violating federal voter laws by not automatically updating voter rolls with address changes, and subsequently not providing required registration information to some voters. The lawsuit also blamed Secretary of State for not ensuring federal voter laws are followed.

The lawsuit was settled on November 19, 2019. Under the settlement, the department pledged to update its website within 60 days to automatically redirect users who change their address information to the Secretary of State's site to do the same for voter registration. The voter registration site will automatically populate with new address information provided to the Revenue Department.

"Each year, one of the major causes of disenfranchisement in the state occurs when Missouri voters appear at the polls and find out that they are not registered at their current

address," League of Women Voters of Missouri President Evelyn Maddox said in a statement. "These improvements to DOR's voter registration practices will help reduce the number of qualified voters being shut out of the political process."

The changes are set to take effect as Missouri prepares for the 2020 election.

— Marilyn McLeod



BOARD MEETING REPORT (cont'd from pg. 2)

very proud to have worked, and continue to work with, an incredible group of smart, thoughtful, caring and capable people!

We hope that you will be coming to our celebratory events: one on **December 7** (see details on pg.1), and the second on **December 11** — a fun time at Dog Master Brewery, something new and different to start us on our next 100 years!

A major shout out to our 100th Anniversary Committee which has been working so diligently this year, led by Pam Springsteel. The number of events — which began last August and will continue until next August — is so impressive! We are so grateful to all the members of the committee, which includes: Pam, Meredith Donaldson, Joni O'Connor, Win Colwill, Kathryn Allen, Linda Lou Brown, Kate Canterbury, Vicky Riback Wilson, Brianna Lennon, Anne Deaton, Lael Von Holt, Teri Miller, Janet Thompson, David Sapp, David Leuthold, Diane Suhler and Marilyn McLeod.

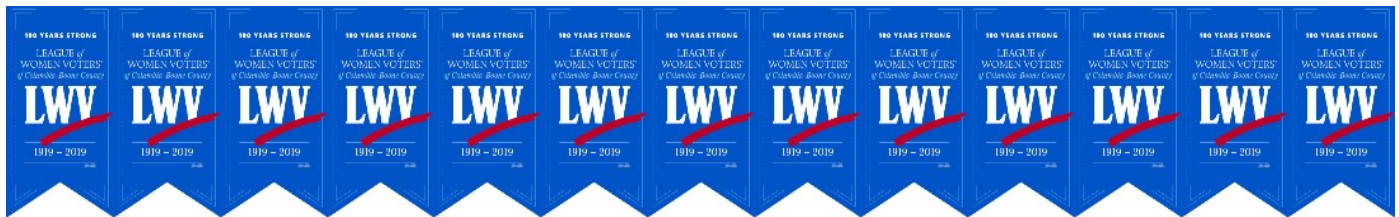
Volunteering is the heart of what we do. And looking at all of our activities, you can see how effective we can be with the great work of our members.

Now that I am thinking of that, it will soon be time to gear up for our annual fundraiser. Perhaps YOU might like to volunteer and join in the fun! Just let me know if you are interested!

— Marilyn McLeod, President
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ORIGIN OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY



The organization that eventually became the League of Women Voters in Columbia officially began on November 16, 1912, when a group of 18 local citizens gathered at the Athens Hotel. Three were men, including Dr. Richard Jesse, former president of the University of Missouri. Another well known attendee was Mrs. Luella St. Clair Moss, president of Christian College (now Columbia College). They met to “form a working organization of those interested in Equal Suffrage” and formed the Columbia Equal Suffrage Association.

Between 1913 and 1919, the members worked tirelessly to carry the message of suffrage to Columbia, Centralia, Ashland, Hallsville, Rocheport and Sturgeon as well as other parts of the state. Several local members participated in the famous “Golden Lane” at the Democratic National Convention in St. Louis on June 14, 1916. Helen Guthrie Miller, a local suffrage leader from Columbia, served as president of the Missouri Equal Suffrage Association.

The 72-year national struggle for women’s equal voting rights finally ended when the U.S. House passed the 19th Amendment in January 1918 and

the Senate on June 4, 1919. It was then submitted to the states for ratification. Missouri was the 11th state to ratify the Amendment on July 3, 1919. Before final ratification by Tennessee a year later, confident that the 19th Amendment would be ratified, the Columbia Equal Suffrage Association changed its name to the Columbia League of Women Voters on December 11, 1919. This preceded the official formation of the national League of Women Voters on February 14, 1920, by a few months. In 1967, the membership voted to rename the organization the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County.

Ever since our formation, our overriding mission has been to encourage, support and protect every citizen’s right to vote and to encourage citizens to be informed voters. We study public policy issues as a non-partisan organization, and develop positions on issues — by consensus of the members — after study on the local, state and national level. We are still very actively involved in “Making Democracy Work!”

— Marilyn McLeod

FULL HOUSE ATTENDS FILM PROGRAM

There was a full house of 66 attendees at the November 19th program “Suffragettes in Silent Cinema” at the Ragtag Cinema. Although many attendees were League members, there were lots of other attendees as well.

This was a documentary of how film was used by both the people who were opposed to women having the vote — and they made sure to make the women seem very unattractive — and those in support. Most of the old films have been lost over time, but remnants of some were woven into the narrative. The film was written and narrated by Kay Sloan,



historian and film director, who shared her knowledge both in the film and in a Skype session following the showing. Discussion was led by Kerri Yost, Associate Professor of Digital Filmmaking at Stephens College.

Thanks to Vicky Riback Wilson and Barbie Bank (of Ragtag Cinema) for making the arrangements for the program. And a special round of applause for Janet Thompson who made a generous donation to underwrite the program, which made it possible.

— Marilyn McLeod

UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS!

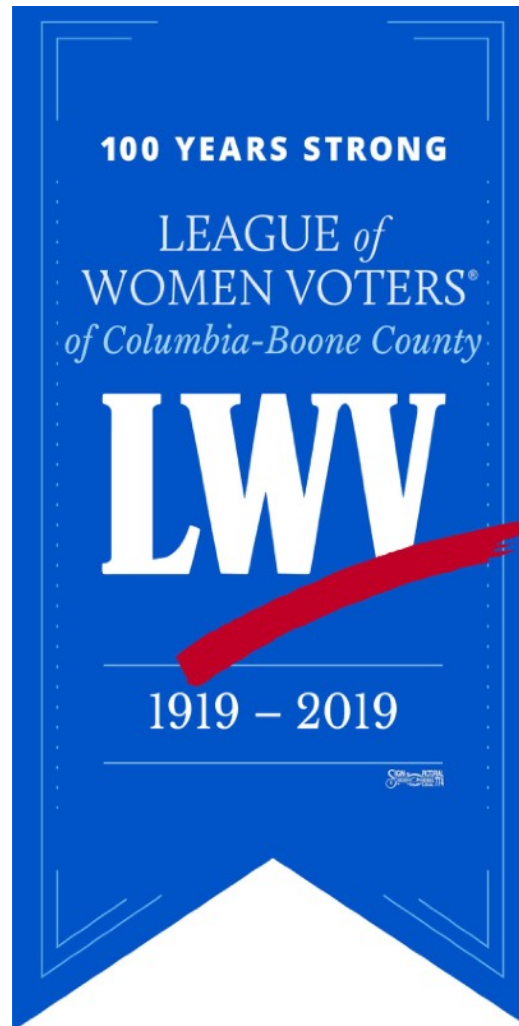
Naming of the new middle school Although the school was not named for our candidate, Luella St. Clair Moss, there will be an elementary school built in 2022. We now know how important it is to make public comment at the school board meetings, write letters to the committee, and speak to school board members about our candidate. We plan to request to see the minutes of the school board when Luella was a member, so that we have more information about her. Thank you to all who sent letters and met to write her nomination.

Suffrage Exhibit “She Got the Vote” Boone County History Museum and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa. The center is open Wednesday-Saturday 11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4:30 p.m. The pen that Gov. Gardner used to sign the presidential suffrage bill is on loan until March 2020. **The exhibit is open until September 2020.**

Stephens College Exhibit “**Suffrage, What’s Fashion Got To Do With It?**” is open to the public on **Saturdays and Sundays from 12-3 p.m. until December 13** at Stephens College Costume Museum. The museum is on the mezzanine of Lela Rainey Wood Hall, 6 North College Ave., with parking at the corner of College and Walnut. Exhibit open through next semester; fashions will be changed in the exhibit.

Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia, Saturday, **December 7**, 2-4 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Invitations have been mailed. Details on page 1.

“Women (and some men) Who Made a Difference in the Suffrage Movement of Columbia.” is the topic for the Tuesday, **Dec. 10 Lunch and Learn**, with speaker Tim Dollens. This



event will be at noon at the Columbia Public Library Friends Room.

Happy Hour Event at Dogmaster Distillery celebrating the exact date of the Centennial of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia. Wednesday, **December 11**, 6-8 p.m. Registration is not required, but you can RSVP and share the event on Facebook. The event was planned by Kate Canterbury, Brianna Lennon, Barbara Hoppe and Janet Thompson. See pg.3 for more info.

200th Birthday of Susan B. Anthony, Saturday, **February 15, 2020**, 2-4 p.m. This event is cosponsored with the AAUW and will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1112 E. Broadway. Actors from the MU play “Votes for Women” will attend, and a Girl Scout troop will perform the play they have written.

“Early History of Women at University of Missouri”, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 Columbia Public Library, 7:00

p.m. (6:30 refreshments). Mary Beth Brown, speaker.

March 11-15, 2020 Rhynsberger Theater, MU , “Votes for Women,” a play featuring Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas.

April 7, 2020 Ragtag Cinema, “Suffragette” with Meryl Streep. Underwritten by Central Bank of Boone County. Screening is free and open to the public.

May 8, 2020 Odyssey Concert, 7 pm, 6:45 preconcert. Women Composers of the 19th, 20th, and 21st Century. Varied Ensembles will perform works by Grazna Bacewitz, Amy Beach, Libby Larsen, and Clara Schumann. First Baptist Church 1112 E. Broadway.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net



Pam Springsteel is pictured in front of Todd Crawford's Model T Ford, "the Billy T." Jeannie Lahman is seated in the car.



Peggy Placier



Barbara Hoppe and David Leuthold carried handmade signs as they marched.



Brianna Lennon, Boone County Clerk, and baby Izzy, above. We are very grateful for Brianna's generosity in providing the parade banner and banners for the cars.



Teri Miller showed her support for the ERA.





Upcoming League Events!



DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DEC. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Centennial Celebration Broadway Christian Church 2-4 p.m.
8	9	10 Lunch & Learn: Columbia's Suffrage Movement Noon, Library	11 100th Anniversary of LWVCBC Happy Hour Dogmaster Brewery	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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CELEBRATING LWVUS 100TH ANNIVERSARY WITH VALENTINES

The 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States is February 14, 2020. LWVUS has asked local Leagues to celebrate with a "Day of Action." As LWV President Chris Carson said

"On February 14, 2020, the League of Women Voters will turn 100 years old. Since our founding, LWV has attracted a tenacious and powerful membership focused on realizing the potential of our democracy. In line with the fact that we were born from the suffrage movement, the theme of our 100th anniversary year is Women Power the Vote.

"On February 14th, we want to celebrate our history, our future—and most importantly, we want to celebrate the power of our members. We know that each League has been working hard to prepare celebrations for our 100th anniversary, and we want to harness the power you are building in your communities by amplifying the League's message and visibility through an official Day of Action."

The Columbia-Boone County League has decided our action will be to send Valentines thanking our elected officials for serving in their office. Look for details in the February Voter on how you can participate.

— Carol Schreiber



LWV Officers:

President: Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)
 1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (424-9668)
 2nd VP: Diane Suhler (443-0549)
 Secretary: Carol Schreiber (657-0639)
 Treasurer: Ruth Milledge (268-9591)

Elected Directors:

Kate Canterbury (214-536-1300)
 Susan Clark (446-1678)
 Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
 Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)

Appointed Director:

Dick Parker (256-4397)

Committee Chairs:

100th Anniversary: Pam Springsteel
 Budget:
 Census: Carol Schreiber
 Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod
 Clean Missouri: Sharon Schneeberger
 Education: Open
 Energy & Climate: Dick Parker
 ERA: Teri Miller
 Fundraising: Pam Springsteel
 Health: Mahree Skala
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Membership: Meredith Donaldson
 Mental Health: Mahree Skala
 Speakers Bureau: Open
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwvcbc.org

State: lwvmisouri.org

National: lwv.org

Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

2020 RENEWALS ARE DUE PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING AT \$100 FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY (\$135 PER HOUSEHOLD)

Member News

Welcome to new members **William Fish, Pat Fowler, Melanie Drury, Jeannie Lahman, Suzanne Stillwell and Lauren Williams.**

2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Thanks to all you have renewed their 2020 Membership! We have a total of 80 members who have renewed for 2020 and 113 members who have not renewed for 2020. We hope you will renew your membership soon!

We invite you to honor our 100th Anniversary year by increasing your membership payment Single \$100 (regular \$65) and Family \$135 (regular family \$100). This will help us cover expenses for our wonderful Anniversary events this year.

Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 for a household, \$25 for local students, and **(NEW) first year \$30 for new members 30 years of age and younger.** Individual and household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and national (LWVUS) membership.

Send to PO Box 239, Columbia, MO. 65205

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I am particularly interested in _____.

I would like to receive my Voter by postal mail _____

(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)



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<http://lwvcba.org>

HOLIDAY PARADE PHOTOS



Above, Christy Lilling and Sophia, member of the Girl Scouts, wore sashes and carried signs. Right, Tom O'Connor and Joni O'Connor. The music of the Mobile Funk Unit, which followed the LWV in the parade, added to the festive spirit.