



The Voter

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

CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION DAY SEPT 18: "WILL THEY COUNT YOUR VOTE?"



In the words of the Supreme Court, the right to vote is preservative of all other rights. The voting booth is the one place where all are presumed equal. But is this basic right safe?

Join us at 2:00 p.m., Sept. 18 at the Columbia Public Library for a celebration of Constitution Day and an update on voting rights. We will look at the Voting Rights Act, the impact of the 2013 Supreme Court Decision on the Act, efforts in the states affecting voting rights around the nation and recent court decisions about those efforts, and the proposed Constitutional Amendment 6 on voter photo ID on the November 8 ballot in Missouri.

Our special guest speaker will be Denise Lieberman, a nationally known expert on voting

rights. Lieberman is a Senior Attorney in the Voter Protection Program of Advancement Project, a national civil rights organization. She works to identify and remove systemic barriers to voting. A seasoned constitutional and civil rights lawyer, Lieberman works on the ground in Missouri in addition to advancing broad voter protection initiatives nationwide.

This program is cosponsored by the League, the American Association of University Women - Columbia Branch, and the Columbia Public Library. Copies of the U.S. Constitution will be available for the first 50 attendees. Refreshments provided.

— Marilyn McLeod

LUNCH & LEARN SEPT 20: VOTING RIGHTS YESTERDAY AND TODAY



For our first Lunch & Learn session of the year we will look at the struggle to win voting rights and current efforts to limit them. This event will include two short films:

Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot. This film from the Southern Poverty Law Center will be available for members to take to classes and events.

Preserving the Right To Vote in 2016 and Beyond. This short video from the Advancement Project discusses prospects for a Constitutional amendment that would make voting a fundamental right.

We will also have materials available on the Voter Protection Coalition campaign opposing Amendment 6, which will be on the fall ballot. We hope the films, information, and discussion will educate members about what is at stake. The nation is watching what happens here!

We will meet on Tuesday, September 20 from noon to 1:00 p.m. **Please note the change in location:** Because the South Providence Hy-Vee is undergoing construction, **we will meet at Conley Rd. Hy-Vee (near Sam's Club off East Broadway).**

— Peggy Placier

TRIB TALK EVENT SEPTEMBER 20



All members are invited to attend another live Trib Talk event on changes we would like to see in Columbia, on Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m. These talks are funded through a grant from the Kettering Foundation to the *Columbia Daily Tribune*. Kettering's theme is generating community dialogues. Managing Editor Jim Robertson is leading this effort because of his interest in

promoting community dialogue that goes beyond the "zingers" posted in the Trib Talk column. The event will take place in the *Tribune's* meeting room at 4th and Walnut downtown. Enter the meeting room directly through the door on Walnut Street. There will be a sign.

— Peggy Placier

BOARD MEETING REPORT

At our August 22 meeting, in addition to last-minute picnic and Celebrate the Vote planning, we had a long discussion of the progress of the Protect the Vote efforts related to Amendment 6. **Past issues of the Voter have explained what is at stake if Amendment 6 passes, enabling the requirement for state-issued photo identification for voters.** Given that the coalition working on this has been moving slowly, and we feel the issue is urgent, we are proceeding with our own efforts. We will be getting the word out via radio ads and speaking to community groups.

Please let us know if you want to help with any of the following efforts related to protecting the right to vote. We need you!

- **Speakers Bureau** to take the message to community groups. If you are a member of a group that would like to learn about Amendment 6, whether as a 5 minute presentation or a longer program, we need to hear from you.
- **Amendment 6 Flyer distribution.** We have a flyer with a basic overview of Amendment 6. We can make this available to groups either electronically (for e-mails) or paper.
- **Voter Guide distribution.** This year we will publish 3000 copies of a nonpartisan (no advocacy, just information) guide to the November election. Contact us if you work or visit locations where the Voter Guide would reach voters.
- **Voter Registration** at colleges and other community locations. Many of our members

really enjoy registering voters. We will be visiting Columbia College, Stephens College, and MU. We also discussed registering voters at other public places. Watch for a call for volunteers.

We can also use help at our information tables at the Sustainable Living Fair (Sept. 25) and Mature Living Festival (Oct. 14).

You will also receive messages and news about the November member luncheon, where we will present the **Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award**. Do you have a nomination? Notify us before the October board meeting.

Finally, if you are on Facebook please Like us (League of Women Voters – Columbia MO) and tell all your friends to Like us. We post national, state, and local news about voting, as well as our League events.

— Peggy Placier and Diane Suhler
Co-Presidents



FRIENDS OF THE LWV OF COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY

The LWV of Columbia-Boone County recognizes the many organizations and individuals who have helped us educate the public, provided meeting space and given of their time, talent and treasure to the LWV. Each month we recognize a group of our Friends of the LWV as voted on by the LWV of Columbia-Boone County membership at our Annual Meeting on April 25, 2016. For September 2016 we recognize:

- **Columbia Entertainment Company** for hosting our annual fundraiser.
- **Columbia-Boone County Board of Health** for co-sponsoring our GMO forum on October 20, 2015.
- **Paul Pepper** for including the LWV in his KBIA program.
- **Alan Wessler, Prof. R. Michael Roberts, Prof. Kevin Bradley, Robert Kremer and Dan Kuebler** for being on our panel for the forum entitled “Do Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) Affect Human Health and the Environment?” on October 20, 2015. And thanks to **David Lile** for moderating the forum.
- **Regina Guevera, Prof. Matt Pezold and Jess Newkirk** for being on our CAT TV show entitled “The State of the American Worker” on September 9, 2015.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

ELECTION FORUMS SET FOR OCTOBER 11 AND 19



Our October forums will cover the contested races in the November 8th election. For October 11, we have confirmed the candidates for the following races: MO State Rep. 44th District (Tom Pauley (D) and Cheri Reisch (R)); MO State Rep. 46th District (Martha Stevens (D) and Don Waterman (R)); MO State Rep. 47th District (Susan McClintock (D) and Chuck Basye (R)). We will also have speakers on Constitutional Amendment 6, known as Photo Voter ID. In addition, we hope to have the MO State Senate Candidates for District 19.

On October 19th we have confirmed the candidates for MO State Rep. 45th District (Kip Kendrick (D) and William Ray Lee (I)). We hope to also have both Democratic and Republican candidates for the Southern and Northern Boone County Commissioner races and the other ballot issues.

Both forums will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library. KFRU will broadcast the forums live.

— Carol Schreiber

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR TO BE SEPT. 25



The League's Energy Matters Committee is once again participating in the Sustainable Living Fair. Come to City Hall, in downtown Columbia, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, between 10:30 and 5:00. The League is highlighting the Home Energy Score (HES) program which rates your house in the same manner that MPG (miles per gallon)

rates your car. The fair will feature about 25 booths, 3 solar tours, 8 workshops, and a keynote speaker, John Fish Kurmann, speaking on "Mobilizing the World" to deal with climate change. He is joined by a panel of three locals who are heavily involved.

— Dick Parker

ANNUAL LWV PICNIC HELD AUGUST 24



Old and new League members gathered August 24 at a member's home to enjoy each other's company, sign up for committees and plan for future events, and to share a potluck picnic and sub sandwiches.



Upcoming League Events!



SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2	3 St. Louis Suffragist March
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	13 Hey Day Columbia College	14 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Constitu- tion Day 2:00 p.m. Library	19 Board Meeting Boone Cty Family Resource Center 1209 E Walnut 6:30 p.m.	20 Lunch & Learn Meeting Voting Rights Noon to 1:00 HyVee on Conley Rd. Trib Talk 7:00 p.m. Tribune Mtg Rm	21	22	23	24
25 Sustainable Living Fair City Hall	26	27 National Voter Registration Day	28	29	30	OCT 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	11 Election Forum 6:30 p.m. Library	12 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Mature Living Festival	15
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23	24 Board Meeting Boone Cty Family Resource Center 1209 E Walnut 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29

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Local Website: lwvcbc.org
State: lwvmisouri.org
National: lwv.org
Local Voter Information Portal:
lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LEAGUE!

As you know, 2016 is a busy election year!! We are preparing forums for the upcoming general elections, plus our educational forums on a wide array of important topics. Thanks for your support!

Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 for a household, and \$25 for local students. Individual and household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and national (LWVUS)

membership.

Send to PO Box 239, Columbia, MO. 65205

Name _____

Email Address _____

Street _____

City _____

State and Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

I am particularly interested in _____.

I would like to receive my Voter by email _____

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

MEMBER UPDATE

Liz Schmidt is recuperating from recent surgery. We are letting her rest and recuperate without visiting her, but we know she would love to receive cards and notes from her friends:

Liz Schmidt
1408 Bus. Loop 70 West, #E-302
Columbia, MO 65202

TURBOVOTE: Our voter registration and assistance website is now available at lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org. It allows individuals to register to vote; request absentee ballots; update addresses; request alerts about upcoming elections via text messages and email reminders; and learn about issues, candidates, etc., through data provided by the non-partisan Voter Information Project. LWV has partnered with Mizzou students and TurboVote to create this website. Mizzou students have their own TurboVote site. Our portal is available to Columbia College, Stephens and Moberly Area CCC students, as well other Boone County citizens.



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UPDATE ON PHOTO VOTER ID

We are developing a Speakers' Bureau of members willing to speak to local organizations about Amendment 6 on Voter Photo ID, which will be on the November 8 ballot. We will have informational materials to distribute. We are also building a list of local organizations that might want us to come speak on Amendment 6 at one of their meetings.

If you would be willing to be a speaker on the subject, please let Sharon Schneeberger (Sharon@schneeberger.net) know. If you belong to or are familiar with an organization that might welcome a speaker, please let us know that also. See the Board Report on pg. 2 for more information about our related efforts.

— Marilyn McLeod

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IS SEPTEMBER 27

We will participate in voter registration activities prior to the October 12 deadline to register for the November 8 election.

We will be at Columbia College on Sept. 13; University of Missouri on Sept. 28; and Stephens College on Sept. date(s) yet to be determined.

We are also looking into voter registration activities at other local sites, probably grocery stores.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Marilyn McLeod at 573-445-3500 or marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com. Thank you.

— Marilyn McLeod

JOURNALISM SCHOOL INVITATION SEPT. 21: LEONARD PITTS, JR.

Nationally syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. will speak on politics and press responsibility on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia. A reception and book signing begins at 6 p.m. in Palmer Room 100A on the first floor of the Reynolds Journalism

Institute. Pitts' remarks begin at 7 p.m. in Fisher Auditorium in Gannett Hall.

The event is free, but requires online registration. For more info: rjionline.org/events/geraldboyd2016
