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

## TWO ZOOM PROGRAMS IN JULY ABOUT AMENDMENT 2 — MEDICAID EXPANSION

LWV-CBC will offer two Zoom programs on this important August 4 ballot issue. First, on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 pm, we'll present a Forum featuring Dina van der Zalm (Missouri Rural Crisis Center) speaking in support and Steve Spellman (local conservative columnist) speaking against the initiative.

Next, on Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 pm, Dr. Heidi Miller (St. Louis Regional Health Commission) will talk about the human impact of Medicaid expansion and Jack Cardetti (Yes on 2 campaign) will address the economic benefits of Amendment 2.

Both programs will \* be moderated by Barbara Hoppe





and audience members may pose questions via Chat. The Zoom links will be sent to members. posted on the LWV-CBC website and our Facebook page, and the programs will also be recorded for later viewing.

For more information about Medicaid Expansion see the article on page 3.

— Mahree Skala

## **JULY 14 LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM:** MINORITY HEALTH DISPARITIES - ON ZOOM

This month's Lunch & Learn program will be held on July 14 at noon via Zoom. Guest presenters Mahree Skala and Steve Calloway will discuss minority disparities in health, the social determinants of health, and implications for universal health care coverage. An invitation to view the forum will be sent to members and posted on our website and our Facebook page.

Mahree Skala, a longtime resident of Columbia, holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a master's in psychology from MU. She worked in various roles at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and then as Executive Director of the MO Association of Local Public Health Agencies. After retiring, she serves on the Columbia/Boone County Board of Health and chairs the LWV Health and Mental Health Committee.

Steve Calloway, also a long time Columbia resident, worked as a pharmacist at the University Hospital for

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37 years. He has served on boards for Medicaid agencies



Mahree Skala



Steve Calloway

assisting with drug policy. After retiring from MU he became the Director of Pharmacy for Missouri's Medicaid program, MO HealthNet Division. He also served on the Columbia School Board from 2006 to 2009 and has served as president of the Minority Men's Network and Educational Foundation, an organization formed by late community leaders Eliot Battle and Arvarh Strickland in 1998.

There will no Lunch and Learn in August. Programs for the fall will resume in September, most likely on Zoom until in-person library presentations return.

— Barbara Hoppe, Lunch & Learn Chair

#### JUNE BOARD REPORT

The board met via Zoom on June 15, 2020 and the following subjects were discussed:

100th Anniversary Update – Pam Springsteel announced that there will be a video tour of the historical exhibit at the Boone County History and Culture Center. This will not only be a great way for people to see the exhibit but will also preserve it for the future. Ragtag Theater has not scheduled the two films they still plan to show. Janet Thompson has informed us about the plans for Boone County's Bicentennial. The 100th Anniversary Committee will meet on July 12 to work out final details for our August celebration and annual meeting (which was postponed from April).

Voter Protection Coalition – The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition is a statewide group of individuals and organizations that have a weekly meeting on Zoom to discuss relevant issues. The calls have as many as 90 participants from around the state who are actively working toward the same goal. Along with members from other organizations, many Missouri LWV members are often on the calls.

On June 15, the Missouri Supreme Court heard the court case from the NAACP and the LWVMO asking that the next two elections not require mail-in ballots to be notarized, due to concerns over the pandemic. The decision of the Justices will affect whether or not voters who wish to vote by mail in the next two elections can do so without jeopardizing their health. If the judges don't vote to stop the notary requirement, we will work on the database of notaries. Several members have stepped up and volunteered to help in that project, and a few have even volunteered to become notaries. (Thank you!)

Voter Service Committee – Carol Schreiber reported on the activities of the committee. Due to the pandemic, we won't be doing in-person voter registration at the current time. Looking for alternatives to in-person registration, we hope to do Facebook and Twitter ads to encourage voter registration. We want to look at Missourian online banner ads for the "dirty MO" ads this fall. The Board decided to have our Amendment 2 – Medicaid expansion pro and con speakers early in July on Zoom. (See article on page 1). After

that event, we would be able to advocate for passage of that amendment.

The board approved funding for ads on Facebook and Twitter (\$300 for Facebook ads and \$100 for Twitter ads) to promote voter registration until July 8 and then advocate for passage of Medicaid expansion until the August 4th election. (Note: Following the meeting, we contacted the state LWV office to see if we could be reimbursed for the ads only for voter registration and that was approved.) Kate, Sharon, Carol and Meredith will work on this project.

Medicaid Expansion Efforts – The board discussed various ways to support Medicaid Expansion which will be on the August ballot. Ideas included: letters to the editor; yard signs; handouts; signs on cars while parking at grocery stores or food pantry; online ads, etc. The Board approved \$200 toward the purchase of yard signs although we will be contacting other groups to coordinate efforts. Related articles are on pages 1 and 3.

Energy and Climate Committee – Dick Parker reported he expects the Columbia city council to look at a proposal for 100% renewable energy for Columbia to be heard in early 2021. The plans would be for 100% by 2050; 2040 and 2030.

Update on Phantom Play Fundraiser – Thank you to those members who have already contributed! We are very appreciative of your support! In case you missed the notice in the June Voter, we will send out another message asking for your support for this phantom play fundraiser. You may not know this, but dues provide only a small portion of our funding. We send the majority of our dues to the state and national LWV. As a result, our annual fundraiser is actually our main financial support to continue our work. If you haven't already sent in your "ticket" order, we hope you will do so today!

#### State and National LWV

Resolution on Policing and Racial Justice to LWV US National Convention – The state LWV president, Evelyn Maddox, proposed a resolution (continued on page 6)

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#### MEDICAID EXPANSION TO BE DECIDED ON AUGUST 4

On August 4. citizens vote on Amendment 2. which would extend Medicaid healthcare coverage to more low-income Missourians. To date, 37 other states have approved this change for their residents. According to the Missouri League of Women Voters, "States that have expanded Medicaid have not increased costs and are very satisfied with their decision to expand Medicaid. They have seen better health outcomes and lower mortality rates." Please encourage everyone to vote Yes on 2.

Here are some facts about what Amendment 2 will do. and some references:

- Now in Missouri, the parents in a family of four must earn \$5,550 or less per year to qualify for Medicaid.
- Single adults and couples without dependent children do not qualify at all unless disabled.
- 230,000 Missourians don't qualify for Medicaid—but don't make enough to afford health coverage on their own, and their jobs don't offer health insurance.
- Lack of health insurance leads to more. disease, more disability, and earlier death. This is especially true during this pandemic.
- With expanded Medicaid, an individual who makes up to \$18,000 per year would be eligible.
- Billions in federal taxes paid by Missourians are now going to other states to fund their

Medicaid programs: expansion would pull those dollars back to Missouri.

- Because 90% of the funding would come from the federal government, the MO Budget Project estimates the state budget would actually gain \$100 million per year in savings and new revenue.
- The MO Chamber of Commerce supports expansion as a "pro-jobs measure," estimating it would create 16,000 jobs and expand our economy by \$2.5 billion.

August 4 will be a low-turnout election so your vote counts more than ever!

Links to more information:

https://lwvmissouri.org/

https://mffh.org/news/medicaid-expansionmakes-sense-for-missouri/

https://mffh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ MFH-Medicaid-Expansion-FAQ.pdf

https://mffh.org/our-focus/ makes-sense-mo/

https://mochamber.com/news/amendment2/

https://www.yeson2.org/news

https://www.mobudget.org/medicaid-expansiona-good-deal-for-mo-budget/

https://web.mhanet.com/medicaidexpansion.aspx

> - Mahree Skala, LWVCBC Health and Mental Health Chair

## **ZOOM CANDIDATE FORUM JULY 23**

The only contested race in the August 4th Primary Election is the Republican nomination for Northern Boone County Commissioner. The candidates are Brenndan Riddles, Jim Musgraves, Sam Boyce and Tristan Asbury. The winner will face current Northern Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson on Nov. 3.

The LWV will hold a Zoom Candidate Forum on July 23 at 7 p.m. An invitation to view the forum will be sent to members and posted on our website and Facebook page. Barbara Hoppe will moderate and keep the forum on track.

Each candidate will make a two-minute opening statement. Then the LWV will have a few

questions to start off the Q&A, followed by some audience





questions via Chat. Finally, each candidate will make a one-minute closing statement.

The August ballot will also include Amendment 2, which would expand Medicaid in Missouri. See articles on pages 1 and 3 for information.

The candidate and ballot issues forums for the November 3rd General Election will be in October, either on Zoom or at the Columbia Public Library.

Carol Schreiber

#### **BOONE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Although the Boone County Bicentennial Committee had been planning for a Bicentennial Birthday Bash on July 4, 2020, fate, in the guise of COVID-19, stepped in to help the Committee learn to pivot, adjust, and practice resiliency. Instead of live events on the Fourth, a series of videos are being created to celebrate aspects of our community's history. The series, produced by Karl Bussen of Bussen Productions, will include:

- · A music video featuring the Kay Brothers Band;
- A video performance, underwritten by the Boone's Lick Road Association, by local storyteller, Dr. Larry Brown, in the role of an immigrant to Boone County in the 1820's;
- A video review of the Boone County Bicentennial Collaborative Mural, featuring artist Wildy Self, and a tour of Boone County to showcase the highlights of the mural;
- A video of the original docudrama created for the Bicentennial by Dean Gail Humphries Mardirosian, with original music by local genius Tom Andes, about iconic women in Boone County's history; and
- A video celebrating the rights enumerated in the First Amendment to the US Constitution, especially
  as witnessed through the Parley P. Pratt Freedom Run, a four mile race held for the last 25 years
  here in Boone County.

This final video, already available on Youtube at <a href="https://youtu.be/cvscW6wkHi0">https://youtu.be/cvscW6wkHi0</a>, features locals such as Dr. Mun Choi, Dean Lyrissa Lidsky, Mark Haim, Mary Ratliff, and our own Marilyn McLeod. A second video, with a message from Dr. Mel West, will be added before the 4th to encourage community members to remember our First Amendment rights as we celebrate our country's birthday.

— Janet Thompson

#### **UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS!**

100 YEARS STRONG

WOMEN VOTERS

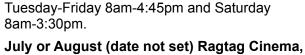
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Suffrage exhibit: "She got the Vote" Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa. The center is open Thursday-Saturday, noon-4p.m., with noon-1p.m. reserved for those over 60. Social distancing required. Visitors must sign a quest book and give phone number.

guest book and give phone number. Limit of 40 people in the building including staff. The exhibit will be in place until September 2020. We are also creating a virtual tour of the exhibit.

Stephens College Exhibit
"Suffrage, What's Fashion Got to
Do with It?" Stephens College
Fashion Museum on the Mezzanine
of Lela Wood Rainey Hall, 6 North
College Avenue. As of this writing,
the Fashion Museum is closed.

State Historical Society of
Missouri art gallery, Exhibit: "Missouri Women:
Suffrage to Statecraft". Exhibit runs through the
fall. Center for Missouri Studies, Art Gallery, First
Floor, 605 Elm Street. The Center is now closed
but once MU students return in August it will be open



film,"Suffragette" starring Meryl Streep, underwritten by Central Bank of Boone County.

July or August (date not set), Ragtag Cinema, "Year of the Woman" documentary. Free and open to the public. We hope this can be in person with discussion afterward.

August ?-November 9, Museum of Art and Archaeology, exhibit "American Women Artists since the Vote". This exhibit may be online. On their website MAA.missouri.edu is a 47 min. film, "Women of Vision at the University of Missouri Museum of Art and Archaeology" At this time, the museum is closed to visitors.

July 4, 2020. Saturday, Kickoff of Bicentennial of Boone County. See article above.

August 26, Wednesday. League Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. This event will include our Annual Meeting, rescheduled from April.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net

#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOONE COUNTY CLERK

The Boone County Clerk's office has recently established Partners in Democracy, a program to engage local businesses and organizations in the democratic processes of our county. The Clerk's office will work alongside these partners to provide voter registration and education, service opportunities, and recognition. The partners will foster a sense of civic engagement by encouraging their employees and members to serve as poll workers on Election Day.

To ensure the accuracy and integrity of our elections, Boone County will need 600 people to serve as election judges, or poll workers, this year. Anyone interested in serving as an election judge can apply at the following link:

## https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/pollworkerinformation.asp

Election judges will apply online to be approved. They will then respond to the clerk's request for them to work, and they can select a training time. The request usually goes out a month prior to the election. The training takes 3 hours. A number of classes are offered over a three week period prior to the election, with

morning, afternoon, and evening classes available, Monday-Saturday.

Missouri law requires a balance between the two major parties when the clerk makes poll assignments, so election judge applicants must choose a party affiliation. This is only for the clerk's use and does not tie the individual to a specific party. Party options are Democrat, Republican, Independent, Green, and Constitution.

To protect both voters and poll workers, poll workers will wear masks or face shields, voting booths will be socially distanced, plexiglass barriers will be between poll workers and voters, and all surfaces, pens, and high contact areas will be disinfected regularly.

Speaking to COMO Magazine's Hannah Kueck earlier this year, Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon noted: "When we ask election judges or poll workers what made them want to do this, they say they always feel like they're giving back to the community. They think that it's an important civic duty to be actively working to make sure the election is successful. And they learn a lot about the election process."



#### POLL WORKER INFORMATION

Each year, up to 600 poll workers volunteer across Boone County. Poll workers are a vital part of Election Day and help ensure that every election runs smoothly. Workers set up and manage polling places, assist voters, and maintain the efficiency and integrity of the election process in Boone County.

**Qualifications**: 18 years old or older; Registered Boone County voter; Able to read, write, and speak English fluently; Completion of mandatory training before each election.

**Compensation**: Poll workers are paid a base rate of \$160 per election; Additional pay is available for added responsibilities and completed trainings.

**Hours**: Polls are open on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Poll workers report to their assigned poll at 4:30 a.m. and leave after completing all duties after the polls close at 7:00 p.m.

#### LET'S MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD NOW

In the US Senate, there is a bill (SJRes 6) to rescind the time limits on ERA ratification. The bill has had it's second reading and is slated to be voted on in the Judiciary Committee, on January 21, 2021.

It is imperative to contact all the committee members to express your desire for a "yeah" vote. A phone call or an email sent to the Senators DC office carry equal weight for stating your desire and that you are a LWV member, a citizen, and a woman/man.

### **Judiciary Committee**

## Republican members: (majority)

- · Lindsey Graham, chair, SC
- · Chuck Grassley, Iowa
- John Cornyn, Texas
- · Mike Lee, Utah
- Ted Cruz, Texas



- · Ben Sasse, Nebraska
- Josh Hawley, MO
- · Thom Tillis, NC

#### **Democratic members: (minority)**

- · Diane Feinstein, ranking member, CA
- · Amy Klobuchar, MIN
- · Dick Durbin, IL
- · Sheldon Whitehead, RI
- Christopher Coons, DE
- •Richard Blumental, CT
- •Mazie Hirono, Hawaii

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL (Equality will benefit both sexes)

— Teri Miller, ERA Chair

## **MAY BOARD REPORT (Cont'd)**

on policing and racial justice to be presented at the national LWV (virtual) convention and worked on this with several other states.

LWVMO Event – August 29, 2020 – In normal years, the state LWV would have held a spring conference or workshop in May. This year it was postponed to August, with the hope that it would be in-person and in Columbia. As with our local events, that won't be possible due to the pandemic and the need to limit attendance (and the likelihood that people would not come). Plans are underway for an event to be held on Zoom; we might use the tour of the Boone County History and Culture Center as part of the program in lieu of an in-person tour.

**LWVMO Convention** – May 2021 – The state LWV has also asked that the next state biennial convention which would be in May 2021, be held in mid-Missouri, either in Columbia or Jefferson City. We have several options, but we will need help from local League members. More about this later.

**Heroes Act** – Members are encouraged to contact Senator Blunt to support funding for this federal election legislation.

As you can see, the pandemic hasn't stopped us from acting on issues and concerns of the League of Women Voters. Thanks to everyone for stepping up!

— Marilyn McLeod, President



## REPORT ON THE 54TH CONVENTION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES



Marilyn McLeod, Ruth Milledge and Meredith Donaldson represented us as voting delegates at the biennial convention that was to be held in Washington, D.C., but was moved to a digital format. Others from our membership were welcome to sign-on as well as observers.

The Zoom format worked well and allowed us to focus on the presentations and business well. There were glitches...but these happen in live events as well. We missed the networking, but got some in the Chat and the Q&A. We missed the ability to ask questions of more experienced delegates. Also, it would have been helpful if LWVUS had provided more information, like links to resolutions to come before the delegates. But, overall, your delegates must say, it was a lot more comfortable attending at home than in a hotel!!

Chris Carson, who has been president for 4 years, updated us on LWVUS activities. We took Fair Maps to the Supreme Court. Alhough we didn't win that case, we continued the campaign for "People Powered Fair Maps" with a very large grant. The organization is in sound financial health and is positioned as a modern and efficient organization, having eliminated unneeded old policies and procedures.

We were excited to learn that our new president will be Deborah Turner, MD, JD, and she will also serve as the chair of the Board of Trustees of the LWV Education Fund, serving until June 2022. You can learn more about our amazing new president here <a href="https://www.lwv.org/about-us/staff-leadership/deborah-turner">https://www.lwv.org/about-us/staff-leadership/deborah-turner</a>. The new national board members are diverse and were especially recruited for skills our national organization needs at this time. Turner gave a

moving and inspiring speech to close the Convention.

Virginia Kase, the executive director, also gave a very inspiring speech. She spoke about all of our work: creating a more inclusive organization; growing our advocacy; ensuring Fair Maps; welcoming all people. We must speak up for what is right and just. Our mission is to empower voters when it most matters. We must stand for the Constitution. If we are accused of being partisan, we are only speaking up for what we have always had as our core mission.

An amazing panel of leading figures spoke on "The State of Voting Rights" including Muriel Bowser, the mayor of Washington, D.C.; Alejandra Castillo, the CEO of the YWCA; Allison Riggs, director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice; and Valerie Jarrett, former senior advisor to President Obama. Each panelist described their organization's activities and how the organizations interact to actively engage with voters. This pandemic has shown us why government is important, having an impact on your health, life, livelihood, etc. Note that during the Convention, the U.S. House passed legislation that would make Washington, D.C. the 51st state.

#### **Bylaws**

Several Bylaws of the LWVUS were changed at the Convention, including: (1) the addition of a policy statement on diversity, equity and inclusion; (2) elimination of the national PMP for students permanently; (3) deletion of the "Associate Member" category, as there really is no such member category; (4) addition of a risk (continued on next page)

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mitigation item related to the disposition of funds upon the dissolution of a LWV; and (5) addition of a statement about how to remove a board member if this is required.

#### **Program**

We voted to adopt the 2020-2022 LWVUS program that will include:

- The Campaign for Making Democracy Work: ensuring a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on Voting Rights, Improving Elections, advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting; and
- Continued work on urgent issues: Climate Change, the Equal Rights Amendment, Health Care, Gun Safety and Immigration.

Originally the position on the Electoral College was not one of the main foci, but a proposal to add it to the list was brought to the floor and the membership approved adding it by 60%. Although the National Popular Vote Compact is a primary focus, that doesn't eliminate the position of the LWV on the Electoral College, a view that we have held for approximately 50 years.

A concurrence that expressed concerns on the transfer of public lands to states passed, as did a concurrence on electoral systems, which

supports electoral methods that provide the broadest voter representation and encourages more voter participation and engagement.

#### Resolutions

Three recommended resolutions passed

- Affirming the LWV commitment to immigration reform (LWV Oregon)
- A call for immediate wide-scale mobilization to restore, protect and fund an ecologically sustainable environment and climate (LWV Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, CO) and
- An emergency resolution that the LWV advocates against systemic racism and excessive force by law enforcement. The LWV Missouri led this resolution in conjunction with 20 state Leagues and 27 local Leagues.

This third resolution states: We call for prompt actions by all League members to advocate within every level of government to eradicate systemic racism, and the harm that it causes. We resolve second, that the League help our elected officials and all Americans recognize these truths to be self-evident; that Black, Indigenous and all people of color (BIPOC) deserve equal protection under the law; and that we demand solutions for the terrible wrongs done, so that regardless of race, ethnicity, (continued on next page)



Meredith Donaldson participates via Zoom as a delegate to the 54th LWVUS Convention. She is accompanied by her Suffrage Cat. which wears the colors of a British suffrage group. A real cat named Saxon rode with Alice Burke and Nell Richardson on their 1916 crosscountry road trip to advocate for women's suffrage.

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religion, disability, and gender identity or sexual orientation we may truly become a nation "indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

#### **Caucuses**

The first three days were devoted to Caucuses and Sessions given by LWV members, leadership and staff. Here is a summary of the ones your delegates attended. You may contact us if you would like more information. For each caucus listed below, the name of the delegate to contact for more information is in parentheses. Some titles have a link to a recording of the session, and for others you can find information on the presenting league's website. Other convention session recordings can be found at <a href="https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/2020-convention-virtual-caucuses-and-info-sessions">https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/2020-convention-virtual-caucuses-and-info-sessions</a>.

**Privacy and Cyber Security** presented by LWV Oregon with plans to propose a concurrence at the 2022 Convention, We have no position on this issue. Their league completed a very interesting 60-page Study! (Meredith)

Voting Across the Life Span presented by LWV Boston and the <u>National Youth Rights</u> <u>Association</u>, made an interesting argument for votes for all — proxy votes for parents of children, and children voting when they express an interest! Included some good arguments for lowering the voting age to 16. (Meredith and Marilyn)

Fostering Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging in the League presented by LWV Arlington VA offered ways to analyze our current efforts; how to create an action plan to increase recruitment; and (most useful) ideas for building diverse partnerships and membership. (Meredith and Ruth)

Lobby Corps LWVUS discussed ways to expand the current cadre of 15-20 LWV members who live in the DC area and who are our presence on Capitol Hill. Not only is this a huge task, Covid 19 has brought new challenges to contacting our legislators who are wanting only to talk with their constituents. There is a plan to work with state leagues to have a corps of volunteers, trained by LWVUS Advocacy staff, who can correspond when action is needed. If you are interested ask

Marilyn who to contact in our state office. (Meredith and Ruth)

How to Conduct a Candidate Forum, presented by LWV of La Grange Area IL, offered a Power Point presentation so complete a novice could gain the confidence to take on this task! (Meredith)

People Powered Fair MapsTM Campaign is our national redistricting program focused on creating fair political maps nationwide. This was presented by three of our outstanding and diverse young LWVUS staffers who explained all the aspects, including the new focus of the LWVUS on data driven programs. They discussed what is happening in all 50 states + D.C. with regard to Ballot Initiatives or Referendums; State Constitutional Options; State Legislative Fixes; Federal Legislative Fixes; and Civic Engagement & Education. (Meredith)

<u>Voter Girl</u>, presented by the LWV of Kent, OH, is a Girl Scout civic and voting badge program. The program engages Girl Scouts of all ages and \$150 program guide is available for leagues to use. (Meredith)

National Popular Vote Update, presented by members of the LWVUS National Popular Vote Task Force, provided background information and then hosted a panel of presenters from three different states (Oregon, Maine and Colorado) who shared their experiences in working with their state legislators to pass NPV. (Ruth)

Making Democracy Work in the Criminal Justice System was presented by the LWV of San Francisco CA and LWV Los Angeles CA. All the materials can be accessed by clicking on the title. This was an excellent presentation with background information and clear steps Leagues can take. A wide range of related subjects were presented at this caucus, including voting rights, use of deadly force, 21st century policing, alternatives to incarceration, decriminalizing mental health, and COVID-19 and prisons. [Note from Marilyn: This session brought up the value of an Observer Corps, something our LWV had done for years, but stopped doing when public bodies either had their meetings made public online and/or access to Minutes and other documents were improved. (Continued on next page)

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However, the idea that this could be an important part of League work in the criminal justice area would be beneficial. Public oversight, as we know, is critical. We should consider setting up a criminal justice committee.] (Meredith and Marilyn)

American Choices in the Health Care Debate was presented by LWVs of Arizona, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Washington, Piedmont Triad NC, Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville. This session was interrupted by a major glitch and will be sent to us later. A resource that was discussed was the Health Tool Kit prepared by LWV Arizona. (Meredith)

Climate Migration, Immigration and Human Rights: What You Need to Know offered a discussion of the situation at the Mexican border. Several organizations who are working to address immigration issues at the Mexican border provided information on their work; the increasingly restrictive laws affecting asylum claims; the dangers to asylum seekers caused by these laws: and what needs to be done. A communication scientist discussed the values held by the public since COVID-19 and how to appeal to these values to change policy. (Marilyn and Ruth)

Civics Education Using the Case Study Method was an excellent presentation by David Moss. He first developed the method for social studies courses at the graduate level and has now adapted it for the undergraduate and high school levels. One of the results of studying American History via the case study method is that some students go on to be involved in their government at all levels. (Ruth)

- Meredith Donaldson, Marilyn McLeod, and Ruth Milledge



## **Upcoming League Events!**



JULY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	JULY 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Medicaid Expansion Zoom Forum, (Pro and Con), 7p.m.	8	9	10	11
12 Centennial Committee	13 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	14 Lunch & Learn Minority Health Disparities Noon, Zoom	15	16 Medicaid Expansion Zoom Forum (Human and Economic Benefits), 7p.m.	17	18
19	20 Board Meeting on Zoom	21	22	23 Candidate Forum, Zoom, 7 p.m.	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 1

#### LWV Officers:

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Schneeberger Education: Open

Energy & Climate: Dick Parker

ERA: Teri Miller

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Local Website: <a href="https://www.ncg.ncg">lwvmissouri.org</a>
National: <a href="https://www.ncg.ncg">lwv.org</a>

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

## Member News

Welcome to new member **Jordana Urbik-Scheuller** of Rocheport

Longtime LWV member **Lucille Salerno** has moved from Tiger Place to The Neighborhoods due to concerns about her health.

We currently have 184 members.

#### 2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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.

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## 19TH AMENDMENT: WOMEN VOTE FOREVER STAMP

A commemorative stamp to be issued on August 26, 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The new Forever stamp will honor the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote. Inspired by historic photographs, the stamp features a stylized illustration of suffragists marching in a parade or other public demonstration. The clothes they wear and the banners they bear display the official colors of the National Woman's Party—purple, white and gold. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp with original art by Nancy Stah. A "forever" stamp is sold by the USPS at current rates but is good forever, regardless of future postage price.

