



The Voter

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

ANNUAL LEAGUE PICNIC AUGUST 25



Our League will celebrate the return of our members and welcome prospective members at our annual kickoff picnic.

It will be held on Thursday, August 25 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the home of one of our members at 3109 Greenridge Rd. (Greenridge Rd. runs south off of Blue Ridge Rd. near its eastern end.)

This is a great time to learn what our committees are planning for the fall, to re-connect with other League members and to introduce potential

members to the League. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for committee(s).

Bring a friend, neighbor or colleague to the picnic and introduce them to the League!

We will provide sub sandwiches, drinks and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We hope to see you there!

— Marilyn McLeod

CAT TV AUGUST 10: PROTECT YOUR VOTE



Our CAT TV program this month is entitled "Protect Your Vote." The show will be filmed August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Denise Lieberman from the Advancement Project will speak, and we expect to have one or two additional panel members. Our panel will discuss the potential for registered voters to lose their right to vote if Constitutional Amendment 6 passes.

The right of registered Missouri residents to vote is spelled out in the Missouri Constitution. The proposed amendment would allow the state government to require the presentation of

government-issued voter IDs at public elections for the purpose of identifying and proving national and state citizenship.

The show airs live at 7:00 p.m. on August 10. The program will be available on our website or at www.columbiaaccess.tv. The show replays on CAT TV at 7:00 a.m. on Tues, Thurs and Sat and 7:30 p.m. on Mon, Wed, Fri and Sun. CAT TV can be found on Mediacom Channel 85, Charter Communications 983, and CenturyTel Prism 98.

— Carol Schreiber

BOOK CLUB INVITATION: *JUST MERCY*



As you may know, LWV has adopted positions on abolishing the death penalty and alternatives to imprisonment. Race Matters, Friends invites members of Columbia organizations and churches that share this concern to discuss the award-winning book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

As a young attorney, Stevenson learned that the system does not work for the poor and people of color. They needed his help to battle false charges, corruption, wrongful conviction, and harsh sentences – including capital punishment. The book tells the stories of their struggles.

The discussions will be held on August 9, 16, and 23. Each discussion will be held at 6:30pm, Bethel Baptist Church, 201 E. Old Plank Rd.

There are many used copies of the book online, and new copies are available through Barnes & Noble or the University Book Store on the MU campus. Want a preview? See Stevenson's TEDtalk at <http://bryanstevenson.com/video/>.

— Peggy Placier

BOARD MEETING REPORT

We are gearing up for a very busy fall and hope that lots of our members can attend events and volunteer if you can. We need you!

At the July 25 board meeting we heard about:

- **Voter ID:** This is our major effort leading up to the election. We are working with the coalition to defeat the ballot measure for an amendment to the Missouri constitution that would enable a voter ID bill to go into effect. Members will be receiving requests to volunteer for phone banks and other efforts.
- **Member Picnic:** August 25 will be our fall kickoff member picnic. See the article in this *Voter* for more information. We will make phone calls to encourage more members to attend and to offer rides. Come to enjoy meeting other members and to find out about how to participate in our projects and committees.
- **Celebrate the Vote:** Our local League contributed toward this event in St. Louis on Sept. 3. It will celebrate women's suffrage and our continuing efforts to protect voting rights. An e-mail with more information will go out to all members.

- **Constitution Day:** Save the afternoon of September 18 for our traditional commemoration of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. This year we are co-sponsoring this event with AAUW.

In addition, you will be hearing about upcoming CAT-TV and Lunch & Learn programs that we will tie into the voter ID issue (see the Calendar in this *Voter*). Please share these with your friends and neighbors. All our programs are open to the public.

— 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 August 2016 we recognize:

- **Mediacom, Sheila Kausler, Adam Cooney and Adam Bauer** for taping and broadcasting our forums.
- **Prof. Justin Dyer** for making the presentation "Amending the Constitution" at our Constitution Day forum on September 16, 2015.
- **Sarah Read, Robert Ross and Peggy Placier** for being on our CAT TV show "Making Democracy Work: How News Media and Citizens Can Work Together" on August 12, 2015.
- **Randy Picht** for serving as our back-up moderator for our CAT TV shows.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

JULY 14 ELECTION FORUM PHOTOS



Sonja Boone and Chimene Schwach, Democratic candidates for Boone County Public Administrator.



Karen Miller, Boone County Southern District Commissioner, and Mike Matthes, Columbia City Manager, provided information on Proposition 2 from county and city perspectives.



Cathy Richards and Martha Stevens, Democratic candidates for Missouri House, District 46.



Glyn Laverick, President of the Columbia Hotel Association, and Jackie Jones, representing the political action committee Foundation for Columbia's Future, debated Proposition 1.



Deborah Daniels and Jeff Harris, candidates for the 13th Judicial Circuit, Division 2.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - VOTER REGISTRATION

“National Voter Registration Day” is an annual event to encourage people to register to vote. This year it will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 27. We hope you will plan to celebrate Voter Registration Day and help make sure no one misses out on this year’s election because they aren’t registered. The last day to register for the November 8 election is October 12.

As a member or friend of the LWV, you are probably registered to vote. But do keep in mind that you might know someone who isn’t registered, so consider helping them get that done. It just takes a few minutes! Also, if you have moved — or someone you know has moved — since the last election, be sure to change your address with the Boone County Clerk.

Details on local elections can be found at this link: <https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/>

Our local LWV chapter is planning to hold some opportunities for voter registration on the three local college campuses at the beginning of the new

school year and we hope you would consider joining us in this effort.

We hope to participate in the following events:

- Columbia College – “Hey Day” – Tuesday, September 13 (11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.);
- University of Missouri - Volunteer Fair – Wednesday, September 28 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.). (We have requested a booth, but are waiting to receive confirmation.)
- Stephens College – sometime in late September when the College is presenting the play “An American Daughter” by Wendy Wasserstein. (Details to be determined)

We will need LWV volunteers to help with these activities, so if you are interested please let me know at Marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com

Thanks!

— Marilyn McLeod

UPDATE: LWV AND THE “TRIB TALK” PROJECT

The *Columbia Daily Tribune* is now in the second year of its project to encourage public dialogue in Columbia. The project is funded by the Kettering Foundation, which is backing projects on community dialogues in five U.S. communities. Kettering also has numerous free resources relevant to LWV on their website at <https://www.kettering.org/>.

There are five ways to become involved:

- **Online Dialogue.** There will be an online dialogue on August 23. I will forward a link to the membership. Fast-paced online chats are not everyone’s cup of tea, so you might like the next two formats.
- **Live Dialogue.** September 15 will be the next live dialogue, 7-9pm at the *Tribune* building. LWV members, along with members of the Minority Men’s Network, have helped with these by keeping participants on track and taking notes. The dialogues so far have identified three themes: Addressing inequities, Citizen-centered planning, and Building Bridges.

- **Neighborhood Dialogue.** Anyone can plan a neighborhood dialogue on any of the three themes, depending on concerns in your area. We can make materials available for this.
- **National Issues Forums.** Kettering is home for this long-running project. For each public policy issue, NIF publishes a brief guide laying out 3-4 possible positions with their pros and cons. I will send out a link to the next online NIF discussion, but often the guides are used for live discussions. Find out more at <https://www.nifi.org/>
- **Blog.** For those of you who would like more time to think before participating online, there is a blog available at <https://1community1columbia.wordpress.com/2016/07/17/are-we-an-us-part-3/>. You can sign up to have new blog posts sent to your e-mail.

— Peggy Placier

CELEBRATE THE VOTE!!

HELP REENACT THE 1916 GOLDEN LANE!

On September 3, citizens from across the state will meet in St. Louis to celebrate votes for women by reenacting the 1916 Golden Lane parade.

During the 1916 Democratic National Convention, more than 3000 suffragists stood, silently, lining the street where delegates would walk on their way to the St. Louis Coliseum. Seeking a plank in the party platform in support of women's suffrage, the women were decked out in white dresses, golden parasols, and golden sashes that said "Votes For Women."

The "Celebrate the Vote!" event will honor the suffragists of the past, celebrate what has been accomplished, and energize us for the continuing fight to protect the voting rights of our citizens. Speakers, music, displays, informational booths, and reenactments will be open to all on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate!

The St. Louis Public Library, Missouri History Museum, City of St. Louis, and other institutions and organizations join the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis in organizing this event.

For more information, see http://www.lwvstl.org/ctv_festival.html and http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/events-will-remember-suffragists-who-lined-locust-street-in-demonstration/article_5e885b80-78ad-5d56-b355-555740af9c87.html.

If you are interested in carpooling to this event, please contact Mahree Skala at: skalamahree@yahoo.com

— Marilyn McLeod



Image from the Missouri History Museum



Upcoming League Events!



AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	AUGUST 1	2 Primary Election	3	4	5	6
7	8 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	9	10 CAT-TV Protect Your Vote 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Board Meeting Boone Cty Family Resource Center 1209 E Walnut 6:30 p.m.	23 Trib-Talk Online Chat 5-6p.m.	24	25 Annual Member Picnic 5:00-7:00p.m.	26	27
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 Protect Your Vote 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20 Lunch & Learn Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting Boone Cty Family Resource Center 1209 E Walnut 6:30 p.m.	27 National Voter Registration Day	28	29	30	

LWV Officers:

Co-Presidents: Diane Suhler (443-0549)
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Local Website: lwvcbc.org
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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 primary and general county, state and national 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

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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.)

LIZ SCHMIDT HONORED

See a recent column by Bill Clark in the *Columbia Daily Tribune* for information about Liz Schmidt's many community activities and a special award she has received — http://www.columbiatribune.com/arts_life/community/capital-city-players-offer-relevant-social-commentary/article_6eaf7898-d5f0-5c8b-ba82-d3075e2200e2.html

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

Proposed Missouri Constitutional Amendment 6, the Missouri Voter ID Amendment, will be on the November 8 ballot. This amendment would allow the state government to require the presentation of voter IDs at public elections for the purpose of identifying and proving national and state citizenship.

MO Secretary of State Jason Kander estimates that 220,000 people would be disenfranchised by this change in the Missouri Constitution, including college students, seniors who no longer drive, citizens who rely on public transportation, and women who have changed their last names due to marriage or divorce.

The LWV is working with a large number of organizations in the state to educate voters on this ballot issue. The statewide group will be setting up a website. When that information is available, we will let you know.

Several members of our Voter Service Committee attended a statewide Voter

Protection Coalition meeting in early June to map out strategies, and, in July, a few members attended a "train the trainers" meeting so that they could share what they learned.

Think about way(s) you may be able to help. Do you know of any groups that would welcome a speaker on the subject prior to the election? Let us know. Send to: lwvcbc@gmail.com.

In addition, watch for emails asking for your help in various ways. For example, you can volunteer to be part of a speaker's bureau; to participate in phone banks; or to help us with fundraising.

— Marilyn McLeod
