



The Voter

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

JANUARY 9 CAT TV: GUN SAFETY ISSUES IN MISSOURI

Did you know? Missouri became a constitutional carry state in January 2017. No permit is required to openly or conceal carry a firearm. There is no requirement to register firearms or obtain a purchase permit and some specially trained school employees are allowed to carry firearms on school grounds. Our January 9, CAT-TV show will focus on these and related issues and the approach being taken on gun safety by one group, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense.

This program will be up on our website a few days later, or at <http://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 is found on Mediacom Channel 85, Charter Communications 983, and CenturyTel Prism 98. A YouTube version will be sent to members.



— Carol Schreiber, carolschrei@gmail.com

PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING ON JANUARY 10

Every two years, local Leagues participate in planning the state program for the next two years. (The term "Program" is the LWV word for "Public Policy".) Program planning is an important League tool for identifying issues for study. It gives the members and Leagues a chance to balance pros and cons and consider the viability of the issues.

Our League will review the current state program and ideas for any changes at a meeting on Thursday,

January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepherd Blvd. We will brainstorm about state-wide issues which you want the League to take. How does the state legislature impact your life?

All LWV members are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

— Marilyn McLeod marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



LUNCH & LEARN JAN. 19: COLUMBIA'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Jay Hasheider, Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning, will be our speaker for the Lunch and Learn Program on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 12-1 pm at the Columbia Public Library. He will describe the work of this task force on a Climate Action Plan to deliver to the Columbia City Council by summer of 2019. Mr. Hasheider recently retired from the City of Columbia, and is a member of

the City's Water and Light Advisory Board. For additional information on the Task Force and a timeline of the Task Force's progress, visit the City of Columbia Office of Sustainability's web site: <https://www.como.gov/sustainability/climate-action/>.



KICK OFF 2019: LWV MEMBERS' MEETING JANUARY 26

All members are invited to a members-only idea and education meeting on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church. We will provide breakfast treats, OJ and coffee. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow LWV members and find ways to be engaged in small and larger ways. Activities will include:

- Short training session for NEW members
- Short introduction into traditional activities, such as Legislative Night; March Local Election Candidate Forum; and April Annual Meeting

- Idea Exchange for new activities, forums, studies, educational programs, etc.
- Meet the Committees – you will have a chance to meet with our active committees such as Energy Matters, Civil Liberties, Voter Service, Fundraising, and the 100th Anniversary Committee

Join your fellow LWV members to take action in 2019!

— Carol Schreiber, carolschrei@gmail.com



NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING REPORT

The 100th Anniversary of the LWV of Columbia-Boone County is a major focus leading up to our December 2019 anniversary. We are planning for activities and Pam Springsteel, Chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, updated the Board on those plans. Ideas from other Leagues in Missouri will be considered. If you would like to join the growing committee, contact Pam at pspring@socket.net.

All of our members are invited to a members-only idea and education meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church. We will provide breakfast treats, OJ and coffee. We will have some training for our new members; we will ask our members for ideas about what the League needs to do in 2019; and we will encourage members to meet with our active committees, such as Voter Service, Energy Matters, Civil Liberties, and the 100th Anniversary Committee. Join your fellow members to take action in 2019!

The Board approved a funding request to cover costs for our Annual Legislative Night on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library. We will invite all of the Boone County state representatives and our state senator. David Lile from KFRU will moderate and the event will be aired live on KFRU.

The Board set a date for the LWVMO State Program Planning meeting. This is a requirement for each League in the state. We will review current positions and consider any new positions on issues. See the article in this Voter.

The Board voted to sponsor a table at the 2019 Columbia Values Diversity Celebration. We will have 10 tickets for members to buy at \$17 each. The date is January 17 at the Holiday Inn Expo Center from 7-9 a.m. If you are interested in buying a ticket, contact Marilyn McLeod at marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com.

The Board prepared a list of our many volunteers to recognize them for their efforts in 2018. This list is included in this Voter. We will also recognize our members who donated money above their membership fees. Thanks to all of our volunteers and donors!

The Board also discussed the Budget and Nominating Committees as they will begin their work in preparation for our Annual Meeting in April 2019. If you are interested in serving on our Board, please contact me at carolschrei@gmail.com.

Our January Board meeting will be on Monday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the UU Church. Members are welcome to attend our meetings, please join us!

— Carol Schreiber carolschrei@gmail.com

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, 2018. For January 2019 we recognize:

- **Taylor Burk** and **Glenn Nielson** were our panel members for the forum entitled "Are our Elections Safe?" on October 29, 2017.
- **Abigail Anderson** was our Lunch and Learn speaker on the topic "The State Historical Society's New Center for Missouri Studies" on February 20, 2018.
- **David Roland** was our guest on the CAT TV Show entitled "The Sunshine Law – What it is and How does it Help Government" on February 14, 2018.
- **Sandra Davidson** was our speaker at our Annual Meeting on April 25, 2018.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

ANNUAL LWV LEGISLATIVE NIGHT FEBRUARY 7



The League of Women Voters invites the public to join us for our annual Legislative Night with Boone County state legislators on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library. Invited legislators include: Rep. Cheri Reisch (District 44); Rep. Kip Kendrick (District 45); Rep. Martha Stevens (District 46); Rep. Chuck Basye (District 47); Rep. Sara Walsh (District 50); and Sen. Caleb Rowden (District 19).

The format includes legislator presentations on their priorities followed by audience questions for

legislators from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Our moderator will be KFRU host David Lile and KFRU will broadcast this portion of the event. From 8:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. we will break out into small groups with audience members having the opportunity to speak to their legislators.

The Columbia Public Library is our co-sponsor.

— Carol Schreiber, carolschrei@gmail.com

100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS IN 2019

In the coming year we will celebrate the founding of our League with some special events. Mark your calendars!

August 26, 2019: The 99th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment

This celebration will be held at Columbia Public Library 6-8 p.m. With a program featuring reenactments of local and national suffragettes. We will have an orientation for new members and will award the Liz Schmidt Scholarship along with door prizes and tasty refreshments.

December 7, 2019 Celebration for our Founding

There will be a Saturday evening party, especially for our younger members. Plans will include live music, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres.

December 11, 2019 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the LWV of Columbia

This will be a celebration with the public invited. We will send special invitations to the Friends of the League and ask for a proclamation by the mayor for this to be LWV Day. The Liz Schmidt Community Service Award will be awarded at this time.

Next year we will be celebrating 100th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment (AKA Women's Equality Day) on August 26, 2020. This will be a reception and we hope to bring a nationally known speaker in collaboration with another group.

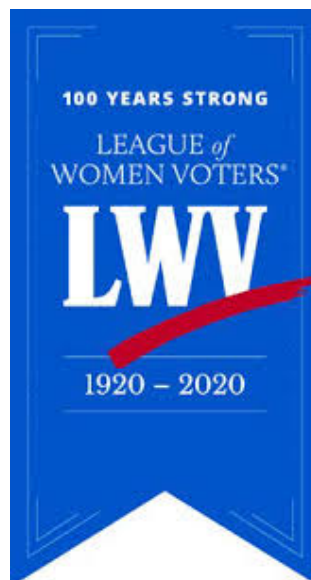
We want to inform the community about the role of the League of Women Voters in

securing the vote for women and in 100 years of work to educate voters. We will campaign for the

new middle school to be named for Luella St. Clair Moss, the first woman president of Columbia College. Other events the committee suggested include an exhibition of 1920's clothing of the time at Stephens College, exhibition of photographs at Ellis Library, display of books at Columbia Public Library, exhibitions at Boone County Historical Society, Museum, State Historical Society of Missouri, and the Museum of Art & Archaeology, films at Ragtag and we hope to partner with Columbia Public Schools to encourage students to learn about the efforts to earn the vote for woman. We want to nominate "The Woman's Hour, The Furious Fight to Win the Vote" to be considered for The One Read.

The members of the committee are: Pam Springsteel, Chair, Meredith Donaldson, Marilyn McLeod, Win Colwill, Joni O'Connor, David Sapp, David Leuthold, Linda Lou Brown, Lael Von Holt, Kate Canterbury, Diane Suhler, Vicky Riback Wilson, and Ann Deaton.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net



LWV MIDTERM ELECTION ACTIVITIES 2018

This is a brief summary of the midterm election activities of the LWV, both locally and nationally. First, we think members would like to know what we have been doing locally. So here goes! We:

- Compiled, printed, distributed the Voter Guide (all candidates and issues) to places like the public library, schools, churches
- Compiled, printed, distributed a spreadsheet of the Marijuana ballot issues
- Compiled, printed, distributed a sheet of the ballot issues
- Invited people to present at 3 Forums on candidates and issues in cooperation with the DBRL
- Registered voters in many places:
 - Boone County Electric Cooperative annual meeting
 - Columbia College Hey Day Event
 - Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia
 - First Presbyterian Church on Hitt Street.
 - The Islamic Center
 - Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services
 - Shakespeare's Pizza
 - Stephens College Community Involvement Fair
 - Stephens College Commons
 - The Terrace
 - Voluntary Action Center Back to School Event
- Made and presented a slide show at the Islamic Center about the voting process
- Wrote letters to the editor for local newspapers
- Attended court hearing in Jefferson City for Amendment 1
- Attended press conference for Amendment 1 in Jeff City



Below is a Thanksgiving message from Chris Carson, League of Women Voters national president in November:

We have so much to be thankful for in 2018.

We just concluded a historic election season with record voter participation for a midterm year and more women elected to office than ever before. Our volunteers across the country registered more voters and reached out to more candidates than we could've anticipated. VOTE411.org saw record-high website traffic, supporting more than 5 million voters and even surpassing the engagement of the 2016 presidential election.

When I sit down to Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, I know I will give thanks to all of our hardworking supporters who dedicate so much time to forwarding our mission: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

As we give thanks for all we have accomplished and reflect on the progress we have made, we know there are still those who did not have their voice heard this election cycle. We saw voter suppression in states like Georgia and Florida, stricter voter ID laws passed in North Carolina and Arkansas, and unfounded accusations of voter fraud that cast doubt on the electoral process—threatening future ballot access.

We still have a long way to go to ensure that every citizen has the unrestricted right to make his or her voice heard and fully participate in our democracy.

As I reflect on my first election with the League, I know that our work has never been more important.

This week, I am giving thanks for this network of strong, powerful women and men working hard to defend democracy for all.

THANKS TO OUR LWV 2018 VOLUNTEERS!

All of the activities performed by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County can only be done with the help of our volunteers. We do not have any paid staff or an office. So, our members give their time, use their own equipment, open their home for meetings, and drive to events without reimbursements. A BIG thanks to our many LWV volunteers:

Kathryn Allen, Ellen Atkins, Carol Beavers, John Beavers, Linda Brown, Elaine Blodgett, Kay Callison, Kate Canterbury, Jack Colwill, Win Colwill, Meredith Donaldson, Joe Donaldson, Ann Edwards, Ava Fajen, Micki Ferguson, Vicki Hobbs, Barbara Hoppe, Lael Von Holt, Aline Kultgen, David Luethold, John McLeod, Marilyn



McLeod, Natasha Martinez, Ruth Milledge, Steve Mudrick, Gayla Neumeyer, Joni O'Connor, Dick Parker, Maria Parker, Peggy Placier, Alison Robuck, Sharon Schneeberger, Barbara Schneider, Carol Schreiber, Win Scott, Sarah Seat, Mahree Skala, Pam Springsteel, Diane Suhler, Joe Szucs, Janet Thompson, Shirley Troth, Marg Tyler. And Lael Von Holt.

(If you were a LWV volunteer and we did not include you in our list, please email me at carolschrei@gmail.com and we will recognize you in the February Voter.)

— Carol Schreiber,
carolschrei@gmail.com

THANKS TO OUR LWV 2018 DONORS

Thanks and gratitude to the many members and friends who have made financial contributions to our League this year. Your contributions allow us to provide the many programs and services that enhance the civic life in our community.

You probably know that the dues you pay also includes dues for membership in the state and national LWV. The amount that goes to state and national totals \$52, which leaves just \$13 of the \$65 annual dues for local LWV, so additional contributions are very welcome.

Here is a list of contributors who have given over and above their membership dues this year:

Kathryn Allen, Nancy & David Bedan, Elaine Blodgett, Priscilla Bevins, Zona Burk, Christine Carpenter, Win Colwill, Pat Etienne, Janice Gaston, Marian Hjelmfelt, Chris Kelly, Linda Kaiser, Brianna Lennon, Vena Long, Dorothy Mathews, Ruth Milledge, Elizabeth Peters, David Sapp, Sharon Schneeberger, Carol & Robert Schreiber, Barbara Schneider, Vicky Schildmeyer, Janet Thompson and Vicky Riback Wilson.

Thanks to non-members who have donated to the LWV: Sarah Beaudin, John Goodge, and Laura Schopp.

The following members and friends were underwriters to the fundraiser play in June:

Kathryn Allen, Rachel & Wayne Brekhus, Zona Burk, Christine Carpenter, Win Colwill, Joe & Meredith Donaldson, Pat Etienne, GFWC Tuesday Club, Leigh Huesgen, Patricia Hutchins, David Leuthold, Marilyn McLeod, Joan & Stephen Mudrick, John & Joni O'Connor, Lucille Salerno, Sharon Schneeberger, Carol & Robert Schreiber, Sarah & Mike Seat, Jan Swaney, Janet Thompson, Margaret Tyler & Winifred Scott, Marcia Walker and Vicky Riback Wilson.

The following members were underwriters to the publication of the 2018 Voters Guide:

Elaine Blodgett, Win Colwill, Meredith Donaldson, Barbara Hoppe, Marilyn McLeod, Ruth Milledge, Mahree Skala, Lael Von Holt, and Carol Schreiber.

In addition, some members sent contributions to the LWV Education Fund. These generous donors include: Kathryn Allen, Nancy & David Bedan, Linda Kaiser, Paula McFarling, and Vicky Riback Wilson

Note that former LWVCBC president, Linda Kaiser, who now lives in Indiana, continues her local Columbia LWV membership and has made a generous contribution to our Education Fund!

Thank you all! Without your contributions, we couldn't do what we do.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



Upcoming League Events!



JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	January 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 CAT-TV Economic Issues 7:00 p.m.	10 Program Planning UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd, 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15 Lunch & Learn Columbia's Climate Action Plan Public Library Noon	16	17	18	19
20	21 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd, 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26 Member Kick Off Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd, 10:00 a.m.
27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Legislative Night Public Library 7:00 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12	13 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd, 6:30 p.m.	19 Lunch & Learn Post-Genocide Peace and Justice HyVee South Noon	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	MAR 1	2

LWV Officers:

President: Open
 1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (424-9668)
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 Secretary: Carol Schreiber
 (657-1467)
 Treasurer: Marilyn McLeod
 (445-3500)

Elected Directors:

Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
 Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
 Ruth Milledge (268-9591)
 Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366)
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)
 Shirley Troth (443-7033)

Appointed Directors:

Dick Parker (256-4397)
 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

Committee Chairs:

100th Anniversary: Pam Springsteel
 Budget: Shirley Troth
 Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod
 Clean Missouri: Sharon
 Schneeberger
 Education: Open
 Energy Matters: Dick Parker
 Fundraising: Pam Springsteel
 Health: Mahree Skala
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Membership: Meredith Donaldson
 Mental Health: Lael Von Holt
 Speakers Bureau: Open
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwvcbc.org
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 Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Welcome to New Members Mary Hales, Vida Lux, and Teri Miller!**

To those of you haven't yet renewed for 2019, it is time to renew your LWV membership! Thank you for your past support and for renewing today so we can continue to have the impact you've come to expect from the League! As a member, you are a crucial part of our non-partisan, hands-on work to safeguard democracy and create lasting change.

— Meredith Donaldson

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 postal mail _____

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

The perennial calendar, favorite of LWV members for years, is now available for 2019. We have copies available locally for \$6 each. If you would like to order a calendar, you can email us at: lwvcbc@gmail.com or call Marilyn McLeod at (573) 445-3500.





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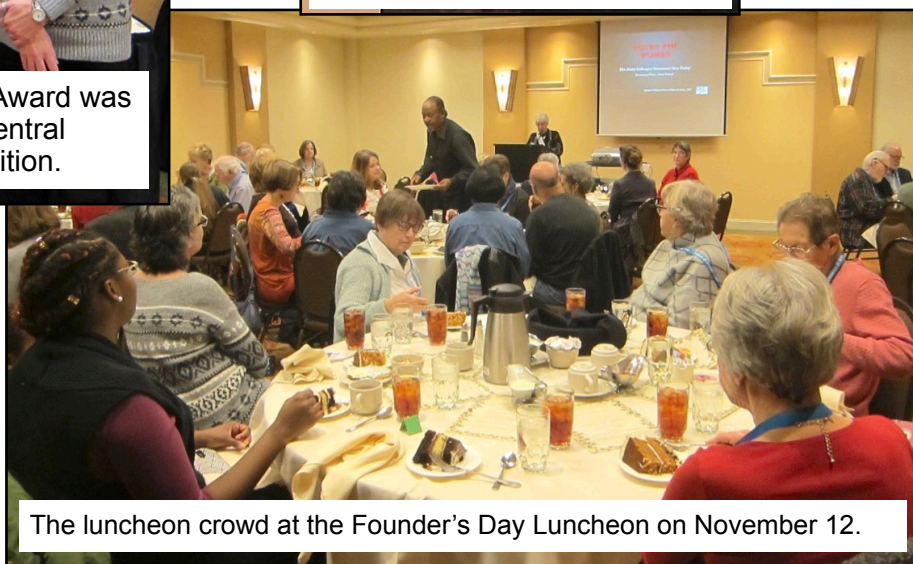
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The Liz Schmidt Community Service Award was presented to representatives of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition.



Mary Shaw portrayed Luella Clair Moss.



The luncheon crowd at the Founder's Day Luncheon on November 12.

**FOUNDER'S DAY
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NOVEMBER 12**