



The Voter

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

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER JUNE 12!

Our big fundraiser of the year will be *Hairspray*, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company, 1800 Nelwood Drive on **Wednesday, June 12.**

Hairspray is an American musical based on John Waters' 1988 film of the same name. The songs include 1960s-style dance music and "downtown" rhythm and blues. In 1962 Baltimore, plump teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream is to dance on a local TV dance program. When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight, and meets a colorful group of characters, leading to social change as Tracy campaigns for the show's integration. In 2003 the show won eight Tony Awards, including one for Best Musical.

We hope you will want to attend! The money raised from this event goes into the general fund of LWV and supports our yearly activities. We filled the theater last year and with your help we can do it again!

Before the show you'll enjoy an array of delicious appetizers and desserts provided by some of the best restaurants in town and your fellow members.



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There will be free wine and other beverages and a drawing for door prizes.

Tickets are \$25. If you wish to be an underwriting sponsor, for \$100 you'll get 5 tickets (that's one free ticket) and your name in the program. If you are unable to attend, why not purchase tickets for friends who can?

Donations are always welcome. Consider this: it is our 100th Anniversary year!

The social hour will begin at 6:30 PM. Curtain time is 7:30 PM. Make reservations or send a check payable to LWV-CBC.

We really hope to see you and your friends who believe in the League's work to provide voters with factual, unbiased information. Your League is vitally important to a democracy for all.

Reservations: send the order form and your check to LWV-CBC, PO Box 239, 65205. Or call to make reservations: Pam Springsteel, 445-0642.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



HUMAN-COMPANION ANIMAL INTERACTION: MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH BENEFIT



A Community Education Program will be presented for "May Is Mental Health Month," sponsored by Children's Grove and the League of Women Voters. Dr. Rebecca A. Johnson will discuss "Human-companion animal interaction: Mental and physical health benefit" on **May 7, at 7:00 pm at the Missouri United Methodist Church, 204 S. Ninth Street.**

Dr. Johnson, Director of the Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction at the MU College of

Veterinary Medicine, will give an engaging presentation about how interacting with companion animals benefits people with depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress. She will also present research on the health benefits of dog walking. All of these benefits occur across the lifespan and are rooted in the biology of bonds formed with animals.

— Mahree Skala, skalamahree@yahoo.com

MAY 10 FINAL CAT TV: HIGHLIGHTING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Our May CAT TV show will focus on our plans for the two centennials we are celebrating this year: the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, and the 100th anniversary of our League of Women Voters.

The CAT TV show will be broadcast live on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m., and will feature Pam Springsteel, chair of the "100th Anniversaries Committee" and Marilyn McLeod, president of our LWV chapter. Randy Picht, executive director of Reynolds Journalism Institute, will be moderator.

The CAT TV 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.

We recently learned that CAT TV will no longer be in service within a few months. This month's program will be our last.



Columbia Access Television began in 2004. We began our partnership with CAT TV as early as 2005, under the leadership of then-president Jo Sapp.

We are very grateful to Jim Robertson, former managing editor of the *Columbia Tribune*, and Randy Picht, for the outstanding job they have done moderating our forums over the many years of our collaboration with CAT TV.

Our gratitude also goes to Carol Schreiber for leading the LWV committee that developed the CAT TV program ideas for about 10 years.

Thank you also to Sean Brown at CAT TV for working with the LWV for the past 6 years. We wish him good luck in his future endeavors.

MAY 21 LUNCH & LEARN: MEET INTERIM POLICE CHIEF GEOFF JONES

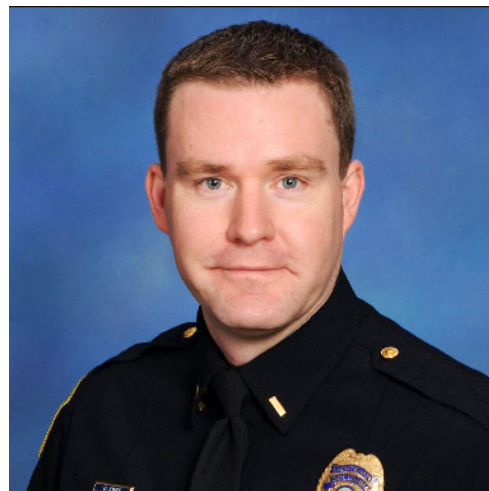


The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County will host an event featuring interim police chief Geoff Jones, who will share information about the department, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at noon at the HyVee Store on Grindstone. This will be an opportunity for the general public to meet the interim police chief and learn about the current and future plans of the department.

Geoff Jones was appointed Columbia's Interim Chief of Police on February 4, 2019.

Jones is a Columbia native who first joined the Police Department as a Cadet at age 14, while attending Rock Bridge High School. He earned a

Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Missouri in 1997, joined the Sedalia Police Department shortly after graduation and came back home in 1998 as a Columbia Police Officer.



Interim Police Chief Geoff Jones

Over the last 20 years, Chief Jones has worked as a Patrol Officer, a Narcotics Detective, a Sergeant and a Police Lieutenant. During this time, he also earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice/Sociology from Lincoln University and graduated from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association's Law Enforcement Command College.

This event is free and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch or purchase lunch in the HyVee store.

— Marilyn McLeod,
marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



A fantastic spread at the 2019 LWV-CBC Annual Meeting, held May 1 at the Rock Quarry House.



Pam Springsteel displays framed proclamations from the Missouri House and Senate commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Missouri granting women the right to vote for U.S. President and Vice President on April 5.



Barbara Hoppe presents the Eleanor Goode Award for Exemplary Service to the League to Ava Fajen.



Popular political prognosticators pontificating.



League members chat at the 2019 LWV-CBC Annual Meeting.



Margot McMillen spoke about the Golden Lane women's suffrage event of 1916.

UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS IN 2019

Memorial Day - At this year's Columbia Cemetery "History Comes Alive" event, Helen Guthrie Miller will be portrayed. She was a member of the local LWV board and the Fortnightly Club. She was instrumental in getting Pure Food and Drug Laws passed on the state and federal level.

Proclamations: LWVMO has requested a proclamation from Governor Parsons for the July 3 Centennial of Missouri ratifying the 19th Amendment. The Boone County Commission will be issuing a proclamation that December 7-14 be LWV week commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the LWV of Columbia, and we will be asking Mayor Treece to do the same.

July 2019: Chris Crawford and Laurel Wilson of the Boone County Museum and Culture Center will assemble an exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of our local League and the 100th anniversary of the XIX

Amendment. They are requesting loan of artifacts from the early years of the League or women's voting to put in the display cases: personal items, awards, pins, sashes, parasols, t-shirts, handbills, etc. Contact Pam Springsteel if you have any items to lend.

August 26 - 99th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment: This celebration will be held at Parks and Rec's Rock Quarry House, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Carolyn Rempf, MU history professor, will speak on U.S. women's political history. We will award the Liz Schmidt Scholarship, provide orientation of new members, and enjoy sandwiches, veggie and fruit trays, and drinks. There will be musical entertainment - a sing-along with the Joy Boys.

November 24, 3-5 p.m., Columbia's Holiday Parade: Three of our members will be riding in costume in Todd Crawford's Model T Ford, the "Billy T." Todd is looking for a second antique car so more members may be in the parade. The car(s) will be decorated with local League centennial banners from the template supplied in the toolkit on the lwv.us website.

December 7 - Centennial Celebration of the Founding of our local LWV: A Saturday afternoon reception at Broadway Christian Church, with special invitations going to the Mayor, City Council,

Boone County Commission and Friends of the League. The public will also be invited.

Commissioner Janet Thompson is preparing a proclamation from the Boone County Commission.

The Mayor will be asked to proclaim this as LWV week. Mothersingers will entertain us with suffrage songs. There will be a speaker, presentation of the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award, and refreshments.

December 11 - 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia - Janet Thompson, Brianna Lennon, and Kate Canterbury are planning this happy hour event at Dog Master Brewery with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The owner has promised a signature cocktail. This will be a Facebook Event and invitations will be mailed out. We will be decorating with the "Our Turn" poster from the state league.

Contacts with Stephens College -

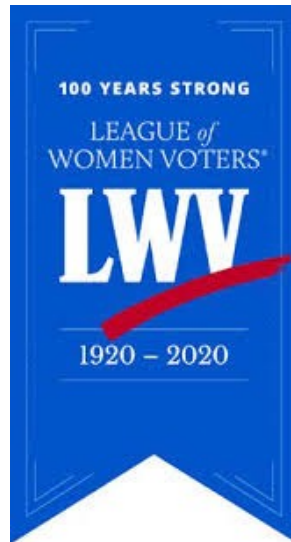
We met with Diane Lynch, Stephens College president; Leslie Wiley, vice president of academic affairs; Lori Hall-Araujo, curator of the costume museum; and the public relations person. When the academic year begins, they would like to do joint events. We were shown fashions of the time.

Contacts with Columbia College - We have contacted Sam Fleury, assistant director of public relations, who agreed to help in our endeavor to get the next middle school named for Luella St. Clair Moss. Luella was the first female president of Christian College (now Columbia College), first female on the Columbia School Board, first president of LWVMO from Boone County, and first woman to run for US Congress (in 1924).

Contact with the Tuesday Club - We have contacted the Tuesday Club to ask them to join us in celebrating our milestones. Our first president, Rosa Ingels, was also a member of the Tuesday Club.

Ragtag Theater - Vicky Riback Wilson is working with Ragtag to put together a series of films about the suffragists, and to work with the Locust Street Expressive Arts School on an appropriate project.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net



ERA COMMITTEE ON THE MOVE!

The ERA committee has been very active, with multiple trips to Jefferson City. Sharon Schneeberger, Susan Koenig, Elaine Blodgett, and Teri Miller traveled to lobby Senator Caleb Rowden, Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee, which holds the legislation (SCR7) offered by Senator Jill Schupp. He agreed with us on the need for ratification. While there, we were fortunate to also speak with Senator Schupp about her legislation and her advice on whom we needed to visit. We then stopped by those offices, as well as visiting with Representatives Tracy McCreery (district 66), Deb Lavender (district 90), and Kip Kendrick (district 46); all were in full support of ratification of the ERA.

On April 2nd, Marilyn McLeod and Teri Miller attended the SCR7 hearing and submitted testimony to support the League's position. The vote was limited due to low attendance by the committee members. Subsequently Senator Schupp has requested a committee vote.

On April 11 there was an ERA rally in the Capitol rotunda organized by collaborating groups in Missouri, Erica Benson from Project 28 in Kansas City and Cynthia McNeil of Springfield Feminists. Our League was represented by Ruth Milledge, Win Colwill, Carol Schreiber, Susan Koenig, Sharon Schneeberger, Elaine Blodgett, Meredith Donaldson, and Teri Miller. Teri spoke on the evolution of the LWV, the role the League played in the Women's Vote, the ERA work of Alice Paul, our 100th anniversary, and how to approach a legislator. Approximately 100 persons attended the rally, plus many formidable speakers from around Missouri,

including the President of NOW, several female candidates for state offices, Senator Schupp, and Representative Judy Morgan, who has submitted legislation in the House (HCR12) similar to SCR7.

Also on this day a small group of us met with the Governor's chief and legal council. They were unaware of the legislation and its implications for the state and the country. They said they would address the Governor on our behalf.

Lobbying has been ongoing via emails and phone contacts encouraging the Rules Committee to vote to send the bill to the Senate for ratification. YOU may take a vital roll in this process. If you need legislators' contact information, google them individually or you may contact Teri tstm49@gmail.com.

If Missouri ratifies the ERA, we would be the required 38th state and it will be added to our United States Constitution as the 28th amendment. The 24 clear and simple words which would change our world: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

We are working on incorporating other groups and individuals in our efforts to educate citizens about the necessity of this law's ratification.

We are anticipating a Rules committee vote soon on SCR7, hoping to get it moved to the Senate floor for a full vote to ratify, during this legislative session.

— Teri Miller, tstm49@gmail.com



Kay Barbee, Medicare consultant and former director of the Missouri Kidney Foundation, and George Oestreich, MoHealthNet Pharmacy director and former director of the Missouri Pharmacy Association, spoke at the April 16 Lunch & Learn program on "Demystifying Medicare and Medicaid."



Upcoming League Events!



MAY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	May 1 LWV Annual Meeting Rock Quarry House 5:30-7p.m.	2	3 LWVMO State Convention St. Louis	4 LWVMO State Convention St. Louis
5	6	7 Mental Health Event 7 p.m. Missouri United Methodist Church 204 S. Ninth St.	8 CAT-TV 100th Anniversary of LWV and Women's Vote 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	16	17	18
19	20 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	21 Lunch & Learn Interim Police Chief, Noon Grindstone HyVee	22	23	24	25
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Annual Fundraiser Columbia Entertainment Co. 1800 Nelwood Dr. Social Hour 6:30pm, Curtain 7:30pm	13	14	15
16	17 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	JULY 1	2	4	5	6	7

LWV Officers:

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lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
Like us on Facebook: "League of
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Member News

In Memoriam:

Lorna Johnson, long time League member, died at the age of 93 in March at her home in Copley, Ohio. Her father, John, was mayor of Columbia 1963 - 1965.

Dr. Boyd O'Dell (1916-2019) was one of our life members.

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

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I am particularly interested in _____.

I would like to receive my Voter by postal mail _____

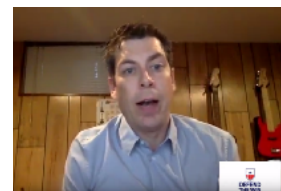
(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)

CLEAN MISSOURI VIDEO

The Clean Missouri presentation that Sean Nicholson did for our March 11 meeting on Amendment 1 has been put on youtube. The video includes the audience questions and his answers.

Here is a link: <https://youtu.be/lxfu2SfpPwg>

— Sharon Schneeberger





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 May 1, 2019. For May 2019 we recognize:

- **Dr. Stephen Kanne, Dr. Jena Randolph, Dr. Connie Brooks, Ms. Nicole Takahashi, and Ms. Alicia Curran** for being our guests at the "Mental Health Forum" on May 17, 2018.
- **Rev. C. W. Dawson** for being our speaker for the Lunch and Learn entitled "A Thing Called Race" on May 18, 2018.
- **Dan Viets and Make Trapp** for being our guests on the CAT TV show titled "Legalizing Marijuana: Medical and Other Developments" on May 9, 2018.
- Restaurants providing donations of food or gift cards at our fundraiser play at CEC in June 2018: **House of Chow, Teller's Gallery and Bar, ABC Chinese Cuisine, Bamboo Terrace, Sycamore, The Pasta Factory, Brasserie Restaurant, and Gerbes.**

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!
