



# The Voter

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

## PRIMARY CANDIDATE FORUM ON JULY 22 BALLOT ISSUES FORUM ON JULY 24



Candidates in the August primary races will be featured in a **Tuesday, July 22 forum in the Friends Room at the library at 6:30 p.m., with refreshments at 6:00 p.m.**

The candidates include: Republican candidates for 47th District State Representative- Chuck Basye and Betsy Phillips; Democratic candidates for Boone County Recorder of Deeds- Nora Dietzel and Lois Miller; and candidates for Division 5 Associate Judge-Republicans Michael Whitworth and Doug Shull, and Democrats Rob Fleming, Finley Gibbs and Kim Shaw. KFRU's David Lile will moderate the forum and it will broadcast live on KFRU radio.

Five Constitutional Amendments will be on the August 5th ballot. Our Ballot Issues Forum will be **Thursday, July 24th, in the Friends Room at the library at 6:30 p.m., with refreshments at 6:00 p.m.**

Ballot language isn't available yet, but the issues will include a transportation sales tax, guaranteed rights of farmers and ranchers, a new lottery ticket to benefit veterans' homes, electronic privacy, and declaring the right to keep and bear arms as unalienable. The ballot will also include a county 1/8 cent sales tax issue for the fairgrounds. We will try to find pro and con speakers on all issues. If we cannot find speakers, we will try to provide pro and con information.

Candidate and ballot issue forums for the November general election will be held in

October. The Republican winner in the 47th District State Representative will face Democrat John Wright.

A Republican candidate for Boone County Recorder, Wes Upchurch was recently disqualified and the Republican Central Committee has until June 10 to name a replacement. If one is named, the Democratic winner will face that candidate. The Republican and Democratic winners for Division 5 Associate Judge will face each other. The other races will be the 44th State Representative District, with Democrat Tom Pauley against Republican Caleb Rowden; Boone County Presiding Commissioner, with Democrat Dan Atwill against Republican James Pounds; and Boone County Collector, with Democrat Brian McCollum against Republican Cheri Toalson Reisch.

Unopposed candidates will not be included in our forum. Running unopposed for the state legislature are Democrat Kip Kendrick for 45th District; Democrat Stephen Webber for 46th District; and Republican Caleb Jones for 50th District. A number of county candidates are also unopposed.

The state issues on the November ballot include early voting, allowing lawmakers to override gubernatorial budget cuts, and permitting evidence about prior criminal acts to be used against people facing prosecution for child sex offenses.

Carol Schreiber, Co-President

**DON'T FORGET!!**  
**THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE**  
**IN THE AUGUST 5 PRIMARY ELECTION IS JULY 9.**

## LWV BOARD CHOOSES THEME AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

The LWV Board has decided that for the next year our theme will be “**The Voter – Our First Priority.**” In support of this theme we will:

- Have our candidate and ballot issue forums;
- Have a high school voter registration day;
- Highlight voter registration deadlines;
- Have voter information links on our website;
- Have ballot issue information on our website and as hand-outs at our forums; and
- Look for additional outreach opportunities.

In addition to voter outreach, at the LWV Board planning meeting on May 31 we planned events for the next 12 months. Actual dates and locations will be in The Voter as soon as they are confirmed. Here are the planned events:

### Monthly Events

We will replace our old Learn and Share with the new monthly **Lunch and Learn**. The focus for the next year will be Know Your City and County Government. Each month we will invite a leader from a City or County department to speak to our group. We will select a week of the month and day of the week, once we have a location. **CAT TV Shows** will continue (excluding a summer month and December) on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Board Meetings** will continue on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church.

### Additional Public and Member Events:

- **June:** June 11 – Fundraising Play Spamalot at CEC at 7:30 p.m.
- **July:** Primary Candidate Forum on July 22 and Ballot Issue Forum on July 24, both at 6:30 p.m. in Library Friends Room.
- **August:** possible movie event with movie and date tbd
- **September:** Fall Kickoff Member Picnic-date and location tbd (preference date is Sept 9); September 17 – Constitution Day Event at the Boone County Commission Chambers at 7:00 p.m.; September 23 – National Voter Registration Day with High School Voter Registration event; Booth at the Sustainability Fair tbd
- **October:** CAT TV show is trying to have a special out of town speaker on Civil War Reconstruction on October 18, details to come; October 21 and 23 - Candidate and

Ballot Issue Forums for the November election, both forums at 6:30 p.m. in the Friends Room at the library

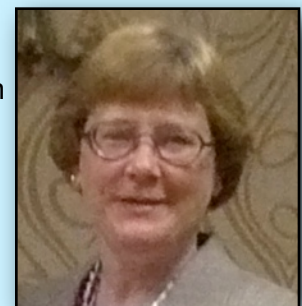
- **November:** Annual Founder’s Day Luncheon tbd; Education Hot Topics Forum tbd
- **December:** Health Forum tbd; Member Holiday Social from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., date and location tbd
- **January 2015:** Energy Matters Forum tbd; LWVMO Program Planning Meeting tbd
- **February:** February 5 – Legislative Town Hall; Local Program Planning Meeting tbd
- **March:** April Election Candidate/Ballot Issue Forum tbd
- **April:** Annual Meeting tbd; Earth Day Booth tbd

### Special Events:

- **Member Orientation Event** – for all members, but especially new and nearly new members.
- **Member Recruitment** – Participate in business and organization fairs for the newly retired.
- **Member Participation** – Actively recruit members to participate in specific events.
- **Fundraising** – We will continue with an annual CEC play fundraiser and try to have a Trivia Night fundraiser.
- **Donation Collection** – At the Member Holiday Social we would like to include a Donation Project for children, elderly or animals.

We would like to thank our board members for all their hard work at the planning meeting. Thanks for the ideas and discussion. We would especially like to thank our new board members Mahree Skala and Susan Marshall. Our other new board members, David Leuthold, Jan Swaney and Sharon Schneeberger, were on trips, but had provided suggestions at their new board member orientation.

Carol Schreiber  
Co-President



## OUR HISTORY SERIES #21: THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was originally written by Alice Paul, the suffragist leader and founder of the National Woman's Party, in 1923, as "the next step in confirming equal justice under law for all citizens". It was introduced into every Congress between 1923 and 1972. Finally passed in 1972 by Congress, it needed to be ratified by 38 states. The process came up short by three states within the original seven-year time limit for ratification, which was later extended to 1982. As many of our members might recall, Missouri was one of the states that did not ratify the Amendment.

Looking back at the history of the League of the 1920's and 1930's, it would seem that support for an Equal Rights Amendment would have been a "no brainer" for the early members of the League of Women Voters.

The text of the Amendment at that time: "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

However, as hard as it is to believe, at that time, the national League of Women Voters opposed the measure. According to the LWVUS publication *Impact on Issues* (2012-2014), the League delegates in 1921 "decided that an ERA might adversely affect new and hard-won state labor legislation which offered some protection to tens of thousands of women working in nonunionized, unskilled jobs." They also "wanted to affirm strongly that its interests and lobbying activities were not confined to women's issues."

In a local newspaper article from Columbia (article is undated, but probably from the 1930's), our own Luella St. Clair Moss reported on hearings in Congress where Dorothy Straus, a national representative for the League, spoke against the Amendment, stating that "the whole condition of the country would become chaotic ... it would result in legal and technical confusion."

The newspaper article concluded by reminding readers that the "local organization of the League of Women Voters has gone on record as being opposed to the amendment."

The historic information in the LWVUS' *Impact on Issues* continues the story of the LWV and the ERA. A change of opinion did eventually happen. "As the League became active in the civil rights struggle of the 1960's, members grew acutely aware of the parallels between the status of women and minorities." A strong push for women's issues developed at the national level, when, in 1972, after the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in Congress, the national Convention

"overwhelmingly approved support of 'equal rights for all regardless of sex'."

As noted above, the efforts at ratification seemed to end in 1982. But did you know that the struggle for ratification by three states, called "The Three State Solution", continues today? A number of women's groups in Missouri, including the AAUW and the Missouri State Women's Political Caucus worked on having the ERA passed by the Missouri Legislature. It was under consideration in the Missouri House and Senate this year, but unfortunately there was no action taken.

In information provided by the Missouri Equal Rights Amendment Campaign, one of the statements in support of passage states the following:

"The fact that a simple statement of equality is still so controversial proves its necessity."

For more current information on the campaign, you can check out the following websites:

<http://Equalrightsamendment.org>

[http://www.mowpc.org/era\\_campaign.html](http://www.mowpc.org/era_campaign.html)

<http://aauw-mo.aauw.net>

-- Marilyn McLeod, Historian



## HELP ADD VIRGINIA MINOR TO THE HALL OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS

Virginia Minor led the fight for women's suffrage in Missouri. In 1872, she led hundreds of women in an effort to get women the right to vote under the 14th Amendment. With her husband as her lawyer she sued. But the Supreme Court in *Minor v. Happersett* decided that women were not covered



by the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal citizenship for all Americans. Not until 1971, nearly 100 years later, did the Court finally apply the 14th Amendment to women. After losing the case, she studied law and continued her work for women's suffrage until her death in 1894.

The nomination of Virginia Minor to be added to the Hall of Famous Missourians at the Capitol has been won, but the funds to pay for the sculpture must come from private sources. It will cost \$10,000.

Please consider a donation to make this possible. A campaign called 1000 Strong (\$10 X 1,000) is raising funds for this. Send \$10 (or more!) payable to Missouri Women's Network Education Fund and mail it to Joyce Schuetz, 528 Oak Ridge Trails Ct., Ballwin, MO 63021.

## RECENT LEAGUE SNAPSHOTS



Lael Von Holt, Helen Washburn, Jan Swaney, Carol Schreiber, Liz Schmidt and Joni O'Connor attended the dedication of the Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park on May 3.



David Leuthold, Marilyn McLeod and Hank Waters at the Columbia-Boone County LWV Annual Meeting on April 10.

## 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 gave their time, talent and treasure to the LWV. Each month we are recognizing 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 10, 2014. For June we recognize:

- Columbia Access TV, Jennifer Erickson, Sean Brown and Jimmy Moore for working with us to produce our monthly public affairs show.
- Dr. Jay Dow for being our speaker at the Constitution Day forum on The Great Compromise Document: The U.S. Constitution in September 2013.
- Carla Klein and Jeff Owens for participating in the CAT TV show on The Moral and National Security Arguments for Renewable Energy and Addressing Climate Change in May 2013.

**Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!**

## MAY FORUM COVERED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN



Pictured above from left to right are panelists Kelly Wallis, Susan Perkins, Tim Harlan, Christine Corcoran, and Melissa Armstrong, and moderator Rachel Brekhush.

“What’s Happening in Mental Health Services for Children and Youth” was the topic of a well-attended forum on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library.

In November of 2012, Boone County voters approved a quarter-cent sales tax to fund mental health services for children. The Putting Kids First Coalition, represented by Christine Corcoran, led the drive to get the issue on the ballot and continues to work to increase public awareness of this issue. Kelly Wallis spoke for the Boone County Children’s Services Board, which is working to develop procedures for distributing the estimated \$6.5 million that will be generated annually by the tax.

Susan Perkins, Columbia Public Schools Coordinator of Elementary Guidance and Counseling, explained the comprehensive guidance program used in the Columbia schools. Dr. Melissa Armstrong, of the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurological Disorders, described the services provided by that organization. Attorney Tim Harlan, President of Missouri Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness emphasized the importance of training teachers to recognize signs of mental health traumas.

In recognition of May as Mental Health Month, this event was intended to raise awareness of mental health issues. It was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County and the Columbia Public Library.



Kelly Wallis and Susan Perkins answer questions.



Tim Harlan, Christine Corcoran and Melissa Armstrong explain local mental health resources.



## Upcoming League Events!



JUNE 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 JUNE	2	3	4	5	6 <b>LWV National Convention Dallas</b>	7 <b>LWV National Convention Dallas</b>
8 <b>LWV National Convention Dallas</b>	9 <b>LWV National Convention Dallas</b>	10 <b>LWV National Convention Dallas</b>	11 Spamalot Fundraiser Food, Drinks and Social Hour 6:30 pm Play 7:30 pm CEC	12	13 <b>Civil Liberties Committee</b> 2:00 pm Library	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <b>Paul Pepper</b> 8:50AM KBIA <b>LWV Board Mtg</b> 6:30 pm Broadway Christian Church	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1 JULY	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <b>CAT TV</b> 7 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Candidate Forum</b> Refreshments 6:00 pm Forum 6:30pm Library	23	24 <b>Ballot Issues Forum</b> Refreshments 6:00 pm Forum 6:30pm Library	25	26
27	28 <b>LWV Board Mtg</b> 6:30 pm Broadway Christian Church	29	30	31		

**LWV Officers:**

Co-Presidents:

Marilyn McLeod (445-3500) and  
Carol Schreiber (657-1467)

1st VP: Liz Schmidt (445-0655)

2nd VP: Ava Fajen (424-6683)

Secretary: Marcia Walker  
(443-8666)Treasurer: David Leuthold  
(449-1358)**Elected Directors:**

Rachel Brekhus (875-4295)

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Jan Swaney (442-3172)

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**Appointed Directors:**

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**Committee Chairs:**

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Health: Jan Swaney

Hospitality: Pam Springsteel

Membership: Liz Schmidt

Mental Health: Lael Von Holt

Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

**Voter Editor:** Ava Fajen

Board Meetings are held on the  
4th Monday of the month at  
Broadway Christian Church. All  
members are welcome to attend.

Websites:

Local: lwvcbc.org

State: lwvmissouri.org

National: lwv.org

**Membership Application**

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2014 it is time to do so! Please send your dues to Membership Chair, League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205. Thanks to all LWV members for renewing your membership promptly!

Dues are \$55 for individuals, \$80 for a household and \$15 for local students. Individual and household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and national (LWVUS) membership.

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.)

**Holly Burgess** has planned her husband David's memorial for Friday, June 13th from 5 to 7 pm at the Cast Gallery of the Museum of Art and Archaeology located at Mizzou North, 15 Business Loop 70 West.

New Member: **Vena Long**  
3802 Kinsey Ct.,  
Columbia, MO 65203  
<[vlong@UTK.edu](mailto:vlong@UTK.edu)>  
865-207-9136

**Pam Springsteel's** new email: [pspring@socket.net](mailto:pspring@socket.net)  
**Aline Kultgen's** new email: [alinekultgen@gmail.com](mailto:alinekultgen@gmail.com)  
**Priscilla Bevins'** new phone: 442-2609

**Liz Schmidt** will move June 30 to this address:  
1408 Business Loop 70 West, # W 208  
Columbia, MO 65202

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## SEE YOU AT THE PLAY! SPAMALOT JUNE 11



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Come one, come all to the Columbia Entertainment Company, 1800 Nelwood, on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. There you will find tables laden with delicious morsels from some of our fair city's outstanding restaurants and wines from notable vineyards in celebration of your League of Women Voters. But wait, dear friends, the convivial social hour is only the beginning of a delightful evening.

When the clock strikes 7:30, the stage curtain will rise on the premier local production of the award-winning musical comedy, Monty Python's Spamalot. This hilarious spoof of the tale of King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table and

their madcap quest for the Holy Grail will have you roaring with laughter.

And even more surprises await you! At intermission, names will be drawn for valuable door prizes and you may be among the lucky ones.

If, by happenstance, you have not yet made your reservation, it is not too late. In fact, dear friends, you can even buy tickets at the door. The price for the entire event is only \$25 per person. For \$100 you'll get 5 tickets (one free) and be hailed as an underwriter.

So League members and friends, show your support for the LWV and help fill all the seats in the CEC theater on Wednesday, June 11. Call 445-0655 for reservations this very day and send your check to LWV, P.O.Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205.

**Postscript – If your attendance be not possible, please consider a donation, as this event is our only fundraiser of the year.**

– Win Colwill, Fundraising Committee Chair

**MONTY PYTHON'S  
SPAMALOT**