



The Voter

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

SEPTEMBER 12: THE DECLINE OF THE WARREN COURT AND THE RISE OF THE NEOLIBERAL ORDER

The speaker for the Kinder Institute's annual James E. Fleming and Linda C. McClain Constitution Day Lecture will be Gary Gerstle, Paul Mellon Professor of American History Emeritus and Paul Mellon Director of Research at the University of Cambridge. He will explain how the neoliberal boom in American politics in

the 1980s and 90s required abandoning the support for broad federal regulatory powers at the heart of the mid-century Warren Court's jurisprudence. The September 12 event will be at 5:30 p.m. in the State Historical Society of Missouri's Cook Hall. A reception will begin at 5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 LUNCH & LEARN: BOONE COUNTY CLERK

Note: Lunch & Learn programs are now on Wednesdays at noon!

On Wednesday, September 13, at noon on Zoom only, our guest speaker will be Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon, who will update us on voting in Boone County. She'll explain why the County Clerks' Association opposed holding presidential primaries in MO in 2024, share her perspective on MO pulling out of the national voter database sharing system, and answer questions from viewers.

On Wednesday, October 11, at noon, we will meet in the Friends Room of the Columbia

Public Library and on Zoom. Kathy Kiely, the Lee Hills Chair in Free Press Studies at the Missouri School of Journalism, will speak about the "50th Anniversary of the Missouri Sunshine Law, A Cornerstone of Democracy."

If you want to watch any previous Lunch & Learn programs, you can find them on our website, lwvcbc.org, or at dbri.org.

Thanks as always to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library for co-sponsoring these programs.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair
Lunch & Learn Committee



Pam Springsteel, Mahree Skala, Carol Schreiber, Meredith Donaldson, and Zainab Jasim at the August 26 Fall Kickoff picnic at Stephens Lake Park.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all the enthusiastic members who attended the LWV Fall Gathering. The anniversary of the 19th Amendment was a great occasion to celebrate women's progress and to remind ourselves of the work that still needs to be done.

Although our rights and even our democratic system are being challenged in many ways, we can push back by collaborating with other organizations to encourage informed and active participation in government. We've joined a new Boone County coalition, "Making A Difference One Woman at a Time," to step up voter registration and voter education. Part of that mission is to develop a speaker's bureau, so please think about groups that might like a voter education speaker. (More details on p.5).

The LWV also seeks to influence public policy through nonpartisan advocacy. We plan to help members get more comfortable communicating with elected officials so our voices can be heard more clearly and more often. Stay tuned in the months to come.

A lot is happening on the advocacy front at the state level. LWVMO has filed a "friend of the court" brief that calls for a fair ballot summary for the Reproductive Freedom Initiative Petition. For more information, see [https://my.lwv.org/missouri/article/lwvmo-amicus-brief-ballot-](https://my.lwv.org/missouri/article/lwvmo-amicus-brief-ballot-summary-reproductive-freedom-initiative-unfair-misleading)

[summary-reproductive-freedom-initiative-unfair-misleading](#). LWVMO is also involved in a fall court case challenging the most recent restrictive voter ID law.

September brings lots of opportunities to participate and learn. Lunch & Learn resumes on Wednesday, September 13; National Voter Registration Day is on September 19 (volunteers needed), and we'll have a great program to observe Constitution Day on September 21. Hope to see you there!

— Mahree Skala
President, LWVCBC
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SEPTEMBER 10 WALK FOR THE CLIMATE RALLY AND 5K WALK

LWV-CBC is a co-sponsor of the Walk for the Climate event, to be held on September 10, starting at the Courthouse Plaza at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to participate and show your

concern for our planet and support for timely, effective solutions to the climate crisis.

—Mahree Skala, President
LWVCBC

SEPTEMBER 19 IS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

The LWV will hold voter registration events on National Voter Registration Day, September 19. Volunteers will be at the Columbia Public Library and The Central Pantry. LWV will also do voter registration at the Climate Rally on September 10. LWV will contact the University of Missouri,

Columbia College, and Stephens College to set up voter registration events.

If you would like to help with voter registration, send an email to linda.k.smith1954@gmail.com

—Linda Smith, Chair
Voter Registration Committee

SEPTEMBER 21 LWVCBC CONSTITUTION DAY EVENT

“Disinformation & Lack of Civil Discourse: Threats to our Democracy?”

Speakers: Brian Kessel, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Political Science, Columbia College and Sandy Davidson, J.D., Ph.D., Professor Emerita, MU

Moderator: David Lile

Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.

Boone County Family Resources, 2700 W. Ash

The event will be in person and recorded for viewing at a later date on our website.

— Pam Springsteel, Chair
Civil Liberties Committee

OCTOBER 7 NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

All new members and other interested members are invited to a New Member Welcome and Orientation on October 7 at 10 a.m. (Zoom link will be sent to all members).

Learn about how your membership supports actions at all three levels of LWV to educate

voters, monitor legislation, and take action on important public policy issues.

— Meredith Donaldson, Chair
Membership Committee

OCTOBER 21 LWVCBC WILL MARCH IN HOMECOMING PARADE!!

Our LWVCBC was accepted this week to be in the MU Homecoming Parade to be held on Saturday, Oct. 21. This is a great way to promote the LWVCBC and issues we are concerned about, be visible in the community, have fun and get some exercise. The Parade usually starts at around 9:00 a.m. We will know the exact time later in September. (Participants will need to be there a bit earlier.)

This year, we will have a beautiful, shiny, historic red truck that Barbie Reid's husband, Jeremy

Skinner, bought last year. Two walkers will lead, holding the LWVCBC Banner. We will have room for a few riders in the truck's bed and many walkers holding creative signs about issues we want to promote.

Please contact Barbara Hoppe at yesforparks@hotmail.com if you can join us for the Parade.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair
Lunch & Learn Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — NOV. 4 — STATE CONFERENCE

The annual Fall Conference of the League of Women Voters of Missouri will be held Saturday, November 4, at the new Boone Electric Cooperative Building on Rangeline St. in Columbia.

We also expect the conference to be online, but we look forward to meeting in this new building!

Watch for announcements of the specific program for the day in a later edition of *The Voter* and *The Missouri Voter*.

— Marilyn McLeod, President
LWVMO

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY: AUGUST 26 FALL KICKOFF

LWV members and friends gathered at Stephens Lake Park on August 26 to celebrate the goal of women's equality. The 47 attendees also acknowledged our continued struggles and challenges as we strive to reach that goal. Marilyn McLeod, LWVMO President, updated the group on LWV's role in lawsuits challenging the MO voter ID law and the unfair ballot language proposed for the Reproductive Rights

Amendment Initiative. Nora Dietzel entertained us with her impersonation of Rep. Bella Abzug (one of the founders of Women's Equality Day), and the LWV committee chairs described plans for the coming year. Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee and everyone who helped with the event!

— Mahree Skala, President
LWVCBC



Above left, Jim Thaxter and Marcie McGuire check in at the welcome table. Lower left, Marcela Cristal, Nancy Copenhaver, Barbara Boshard, Kathryn Allen, and Linda Karns. Lower right, Nora Dietzel portrayed Bella Abzug at the Kickoff event. Photos by Suzanne Stilwell.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE WOMAN AT A TIME

LWVCBC has joined a group planning to promote voter registration, voter education, and voting for women in Boone County. We want to engage women from now until the election days in 2024 (April 4th local election, August 6th primary election, and November 5th general election). At our first planning meeting, we decided that to accomplish this goal we will:

- Have a conference for women to promote the importance of voting and work to address the needs of women voters.
- Form a speakers bureau to visit small organizations to register voters, educate on dis- and misinformation, and provide education for voting.
- Work with schools and colleges to promote voter registration, voter education, and polling information, including having early voting on campus.
- Concretely connect voting to a woman's life.
- Eliminate obstacles to voting for women.

As partners in this endeavor, we would like to identify organizations our members belong to that would like a voter education speaker. Please email your organization's contact information and a little background on the group to lwvcbc@gmail.com.

We want to identify needs in the lives of potential voters and work to make it possible for

them to become actual voters. For instance, some women do not have transportation to the polls, some do not know how to register to vote, some do not know anything about candidates, and some do not know that one vote can change the outcome of an election. If you know of reasons that someone you know cannot vote, please tell us and help us make it possible for them to vote.

We would welcome your support and time if you are interested in any of these projects. Please let us know what areas you would be interested in working on. Please send us an email at lwvcbc@gmail.com.

— Carol Schreiber, Chair
Voter Service Committee



Peggy Owens, Alice Havard, and Joanne Cowan enjoy the evening at the August 26 Kickoff.



Upcoming League Events!



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	Sept 1	2
3	4 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	5	6 Education Committee Library 5pm	7	8	9
10 Walk for the Climate Courthouse Plaza 1pm	11 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	12 Kinder Institute Constitution Day event SHSMO 5:30	13 Lunch & Learn Boone County Clerk Noon on Zoom	14	15	16
17	18 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm LWVCBC Board Meeting 5:30pm Zoom	19 National Voter Registration Day	20	21 LWV Constitution Day Event , BOCO Family Resources 2700 W. Ash 6:30 p.m.	22	23
24	25 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	26	27	28	29	30
Oct 1	2 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	3	4	5	6	7 New Member Welcome 10am Zoom
8	9 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	10	11 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50am Lunch & Learn MO Sunshine Law Noon Library and Zoom	12	13	14
15	16 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm LWVCBC Board Meeting 5:30pm Zoom	17	18	19	20	21 LWVCBC marches in Homecoming Parade
22	23 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Social Media Committee 3:30 pm	31	Nov 1	2	3	4 LWVMO State Conference Columbia

LWV Officers:

President: Mahree Skala
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1st VP: Susie Adams
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Appointed Director:

Zainab Jasim

Committee Chairs:

Budget: Open
Civil Liberties: Pam Springsteel
Education: Susie Adams & Zainab
Jasim, Co-chairs
Energy & Climate: Barbara Hoppe
& Sharon Schneeberger, Co-chairs
ERA: Susan Koenig
Fundraising: Open
Health: Mahree Skala
Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
Luella Committee: Pam Springsteel
Lunch & Learn: Barbara Hoppe
Membership: Meredith Donaldson
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Social Media: Sharon Schneeberger
Speakers Bureau: Open
Voter Registration: Linda Smith
Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

The Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwvcbc.org
State: lwvmisouri.org
National: lwv.org

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Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

MEMBER NEWS**New Members:**

Barbara Jones
Brooke Omar

In Memoriam:

Longtime members Ann Edwards and Joan Eisenstark
have recently passed.

2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM**League of Women Voters Columbia-Boone County****COME AND JOIN US!**

Simply fill out the form and mail to the address below

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

Email _____

First Time Member _____ Renewal _____

Membership dues include local, state and national
membership.

Individual Dues \$65 _____

Household Dues \$100 _____

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Student Dues (Ages 16 to 25; Enrolled FT/PT) \$FREE _____

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Total: \$ _____

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PO Box 239
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Joni O'Connor, Ene-Kaja Chippendale, and Joan Christopher joined the celebration of women's equality at Stephens Lake park.