



# The Voter

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

## LUNCH & LEARN: HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN COLUMBIA

Our **Tuesday Nov. 12** Lunch and Learn Program will be "Historic Preservation in Columbia," with guest speaker Pat Fowler, a member of the Columbia Historic Preservation Commission. Pat will speak on the work of the Commission and the city-wide Preservation Plan that is under development. Part of the Commission's mission is to foster and encourage preservation, and to restore and rehabilitate structures, areas and neighborhoods.



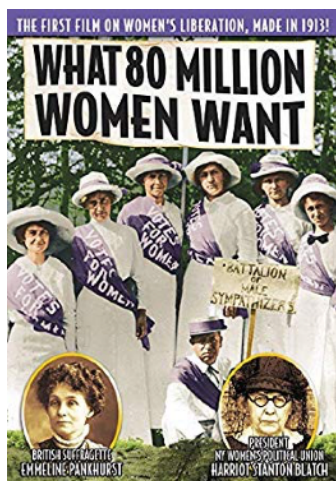
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Calendar**

The program will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library.

Lunch & Learn programs focus on public policy issues of interest to citizens of mid-Missouri and are cosponsored with the Columbia Public Library. Although no lunch is provided, attendees are welcome to bring their own or purchase snacks at the library kiosk.

— Barbara Hoppe

## SUFFRAGETTES AND THE SILENT CINEMA



As part of the celebration of our Centennial, we are working with Ragtag Cinema on a series of films. The first program will be **Tuesday, November 19**, at 6 p.m. at the Ragtag Cinema on Hitt Street.



The program is called 'Suffragettes and the Silent Cinema' and will feature three short silent films: "A. Lively Affair" (1912); "A Busy Day" (1914); and "What Do 80 Million Women Really Want" (1913). Discussion will follow. The screenings are free and open to the public.

— Marilyn McLeod

## COLUMBIA'S HOLIDAY PARADE

Our League chapter will participate in Columbia's Holiday Parade on **Sunday, November 24**, 3-5 p.m., in downtown Columbia. Three of our members will ride in Todd Crawford's Model T Ford, "The Billy T." Others will walk the 10 blocks from Broadway and College down Broadway to 5th and Locust.



**Mark Your  
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We invite men, boys, daughters, granddaughters, grandsons and other friends to join us. It won't be necessary to be in costume. Those who wish can wear "Votes for Women" sashes. Contact Pam Springsteel [pspring@socket.net](mailto:pspring@socket.net) if you want to walk or ride in the parade.

— Marilyn McLeod, [marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com)



## OCTOBER BOARD MEETING REPORT

The League board met on Monday, October 21 at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

President Marilyn McLeod read a resignation letter from Board member Gayla Neumeyer, due to the illness of her significant other. The Board accepted the resignation, wished her well and hopes she will return to the Board when she has more time.

Membership chair Meredith Donaldson reported we have 70 membership renewals with 123 not yet renewed. Meredith will send renewal letters to those who have not renewed.

### Committee Reports

**Energy & Environment** – Dick Parker reported that the City of Columbia is expanding their Environment and Energy Commission and changing the name to the Climate and Environment Commission. Dick will apply to serve on the Commission.

**Peace Committee** – Dick has been contacted by Vets for Peace to work with the LWV on public events. The organization is a 501c3, so the Board agreed to work with them on potential events. We expect the events to be talks related to peace and public education and to cooperate with Peace Studies at MU.

**Liz Schmidt Community Service Award/ Outstanding Citizen Award** – The Board considered possible organizations worthy of receiving our community award and consensus was reached to give the Schmidt Community Service Award to the Voluntary Action Center. The Board also decided to give our Outstanding Citizen Award to Steve Hollis for the work he has performed for the homeless.

**100th Anniversary Activities Update** – Pam Springsteel reported that we should be represented at the November Columbia School Board meeting to again support the new school to be named for Luella St. Clair Moss.

A new event has been added to the schedule of our centennial celebration. We plan to have an "Equali-Tea" on February 15 with cosponsor AAUW at the First Baptist Church.

**Census meeting report** – Sharon Schneeberger reported on the meeting of the state Census Committee. She said that Kansas

City, St. Louis and Springfield are already working hard. It seems there will be Columbia and Boone County Census Committees. (See related articles on page 4.)

### Making Democracy Work

Marilyn passed out the grant information for MDW that was received for activities statewide (\$25,000 for the Leagues statewide). We need to develop a plan for use of the grant. We have received a projector and will also have a subscription to the VOTE411 system for 2020 covered by the grant. We discussed developing a speakers' bureau that would meet the purposes of the grant. Several board members, including Elaine Blodgett, Barbara Hoppe, Diane Suhler, Sharon Schneeberger and Meredith Donaldson, said they would be willing to serve on a speaker's bureau. We could offer to speak at Rotary, Optimists and other organizations' meetings.

### New Redistricting Grant for Education Only

The state LWV has received a second grant in the amount of \$5000 for educational purposes on the subject of redistricting. The Voter Service Committee will look at the requirements of the grant to see what we can do.

— Marilyn McLeod, President  
[marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com)



## CELEBRATION OF OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

We will have our gala celebration of the founding of the League of Women Voters on **Saturday, December 7, from 2-4 p.m.** at the Broadway Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 2601 West Broadway.

There will be entertainment by the Mothersingers who will sing Suffrage Songs and there will be Proclamations naming December as "League of Women Voters Month" by the Mayor of Columbia and the



Presiding Commissioner of Boone County. The Liz Schmidt Community Service Award and the Outstanding Citizen Award will be presented. Refreshments will be served.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 100 successful years for our League. We hope you will plan to attend! Please let us know if you are planning to attend (deadline: December 2) to Joni O'Connor at 234-1012 or [joni@h2oc.com](mailto:joni@h2oc.com). There is no charge to attend.



— Marilyn McLeod

## 2019 LIZ SCHMIDT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award will be presented this year to the Voluntary Action Center, in recognition of their outstanding work in the community. They work to stabilize low-income families and individuals in Boone County by providing resources for basic and emergency needs — in the areas of health, employment, education, and housing — so they can overcome economic hardships and maintain self-sufficiency.

The Voluntary Action Center also provides information and referral services by phone and in person for anyone seeking assistance in Boone County. This is their 50th year of service!

We will present the Award for the Voluntary Action Center to the current director, Nick Foster, at the Centennial Celebration on Saturday, December 7.

— Marilyn McLeod, [marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com)

## 2019 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 LWVCBC Outstanding Citizen Award will be presented to Steve Hollis, Director of Human Services for the City of Columbia. Steve graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1995. He has been involved in social services in many ways in Columbia, including the Health Care Access Committee, the Long-Term Disaster Recovery Committee, the Boone County Basic Needs Coalition, and many more. Steve is one of the key members of the Columbia/Boone County Functional Zero Task Force (FZTF), a collaboration of organizations that provide direct services to the homeless population.

In his current role, Steve oversees the city's purchase of services for mental health, substance abuse, basic needs, and homelessness. He is an excellent steward of the City's money, and strives to insure quality services for residents of Columbia.

Steve's service to the community and to those in need goes beyond his position in the City. On cold winter nights, Steve will work till all hours of the night to ensure that all individuals find a warm space, either at the bus terminal or at public building or shelter.

— Marilyn McLeod, [marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com)

## LWV 2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW

League of Women Voters 2020 Calendars are available now. The price is \$6.00 each.

If you want a calendar, contact Marilyn McLeod at 445-3500 or [marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com)



## ABOUT THE 2020 CENSUS

On Tuesday, October 15, the 2020 Census was the topic of the LWVCBC Lunch and Learn. We heard from Bill Elder, retired chair of the Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis at the University of Missouri. It was an action-packed hour and a half with information and questions. Approximately 40 people attended, including many non-members.

Dr. Elder emphasized why the decennial census is important to us and to the country. It is our constitutional obligation to participate in the census and return the form. The results of the census affect apportionment, redistricting, and the allocation of over \$650 billion per year in federal dollars. The census also provides essential information for sound public policy decision-making.

The Census Bureau works not only on the national level but with local communities and counties within the states. Columbia and Boone country are currently setting up Complete Count committees.

In 2020 there are several ways for you to participate in the census:

- Telephone and Paper form Self Response
- Internet Self Response
- Available in Multiple Languages.
- Census Bureau will use up to 5 response mailings.

They knock on doors only when necessary; they aren't happy when they have to find people as there is a cost.

— Elaine Blodgett

## THE 2020 MISSOURI CENSUS COMMITTEE

*The 2020 MO Census Committee met in Jefferson City on September 30. Sharon Schneeberger attended and provides the following report:*

John Shikles of Governor Parson's office convened the meeting. He said that 17 of the possible 30 committee members have been appointed. Both STL and KC areas have met and created plans to get complete census counts in their areas. John Shikles stated that Mayor Treece will name a committee for Columbia. Brianna Lennon, Boone county clerk, will set up the Boone County committee.

The census counts all persons living in the US on April 1, 2020, regardless of citizenship or immigration status. People are counted at their "usual place of residence."

The goal is to obtain good data. Missouri had a 74% response rate in 2010.

The Missouri Foundation of Health received a grant to lead a statewide messaging campaign. The materials can be found at <https://mffh.org/our-focus/census-2020/>

The Census matters because the results determine the distribution of federal resources and how many congressional seats each state gets. The impact on Missouri: we received \$16,463,820,510 in federal funds in FY2016 and forfeited \$10272 for every person undercounted in

2010. We lost a congressional seat as a result of the 2010 census.

There are challenges in 2020: this is the first high tech census with internet, call-in, and paper form options; there are fewer canvassers (than in 2010) and limited outreach; and there is decreased and delayed funding from the federal government. Additional challenges to getting an accurate count include scattered communities, low income and rural communities, renters/multifamily housing, those with limited English proficiency, children under 5 years of age, homeless individuals, and older adults (because of high tech focus). Further considerations include awareness & apathy; trust in government; library access; and competing for airtime. Rural communities face additional barriers: inadequate broadband; canvassing difficulties; and P.O. Box usage.

The Census Timeline 2020 includes: a national launch in January; the self-response phase via Internet, mail, and phone from March 16-April 30; Census Day on April 1; and canvassing to follow up on non-responses will be May 13-July. The information is sent to the President by Dec. 31.

What can we do now? Spread awareness; utilize messaging material; and establish or participate in Complete Count Committees.

— Sharon Schneeberger



## UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS!

**Suffrage Exhibit “She Got the Vote”** Boone County History Museum and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa. The center is open Wednesday-Saturday 11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4:30 p.m. The pen that Gov. Gardner used to sign the presidential suffrage bill is on loan until March 2020. **The exhibit is open until September 2020.**

**Stephens College Exhibit “Suffrage, What’s Fashion Got To Do With It?”** is open to the public on **Saturdays and Sundays from 12-3 p.m. until December 13** at Stephens College Costume Museum. The museum is on the mezzanine of Lela Rainey Wood Hall, 6 North College Ave., with parking at the corner of College and Walnut.

**“Bonded Justice: Race, Class, Gender, and Suffrage,”** Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. program, at the Columbia Public Library. April Langley, chair, Black Studies Department and Associate Professor of English at MU, will speak about the role of black women in the suffrage movement.

**Suffragettes and the Silent Cinema**, Tuesday, November 19, 6 p.m., at Ragtag Cinema. (Details on page 1)

**Columbia’s Holiday Parade**, Sunday, November 24, 3-5 p.m. (Details on page 1) Contact Pam Springsteel [pspring@socket.net](mailto:pspring@socket.net) if you wish to walk or ride in the parade.

**Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of**

**Columbia**, Saturday, **December 7**, 2-4 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Invitations will be mailed and reservations are necessary by December 2 to Joni O’Connor at 234-1012 or [joni@h2oc.com](mailto:joni@h2oc.com). Details on pages 3 and 8.

**“Women ( and some men) Who Made a Difference in the Suffrage Movement of Columbia.”** is the topic for the Tuesday, **Dec. 10 Lunch and Learn**, with speaker Tim Dollens. This event will be at noon at the Columbia Public Library Friends Room.

**Happy Hour Event at Dogmaster Distillery celebrating the exact date of the Centennial of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia.** Wednesday, **December 11**, 5-7 p.m. Dogmaster is located at 210 St. James St.

**An Equali-tea, celebrating the 100th Birthday of Susan B. Anthony**, Saturday, February 15, 2020, 2-4 p.m. This event is cosponsored with the AAUW and will be held at the First Baptist Church. Actors from the MU play “Votes for Women,” Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, will attend.

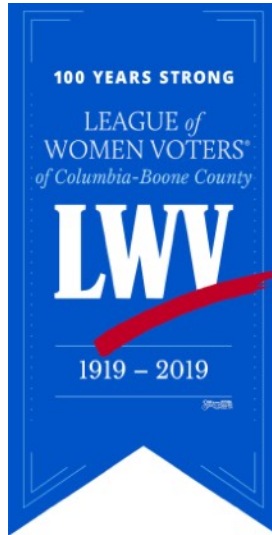
Anthony and Frederick Douglass, will attend.

**“Early History of at University of Missouri”**, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 Columbia Public Library, 7:00 p.m. (6:30 refreshments). Mary Beth Brown, speaker.

**“Suffragette” with Meryl Streep at Ragtag Cinema**, Tuesday, April 7, 2020, presentation underwritten by Central Bank of Boone County.

**Ragtag Cinema, “Year of the Woman,”** Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

— Pam Springsteel, [pspring@socket.net](mailto:pspring@socket.net)



## 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 November 2019 we recognize:

- **Jay Hashheider** for being our Lunch and Learn speaker on the topic “Columbia’s Climate Action Plan” on January 15, 2019.
- **Catey Terry** and **Kristin Bowen** for being our guests on the CAT TV show entitled “Gun Safety Issues in Missouri” on January 9, 2019.
- **KFRU** for broadcasting several forums and promoting our events on air; **David Lile** and **Renee Hulshof** for moderating several forums.

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



## Upcoming League Events!



### NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					NOV. 1	2 LWVMO Fall Conference Sedalia
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m. ***** Lunch & Learn: Historic Preservation Noon, Library ***** ERA Committee	13	14	15	16
17	18 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	19 Suffragettes and the Silent Cinema Ragtag Theater 6 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24 Holiday Parade 3-5pm See page 1	25	26	27	28	29	30
DEC. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Centennial Celebration Broadway Christian Church 2-4 p.m.
8	9	10 Lunch & Learn: Columbia's Suffrage Movement Noon, Library	11 100th Anniversary of LWVCBC Happy Hour Dogmaster Brewery	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**LWV Officers:**

President: Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)  
 1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (424-9668)  
 2nd VP: Diane Suhler (443-0549)  
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Kate Canterbury (214-536-1300)  
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 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)

**Appointed Director:**

Dick Parker (256-4397)

**Committee Chairs:**

100th Anniversary: Pam Springsteel  
 Budget:  
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 Clean Missouri: Sharon Schneeberger  
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 Energy & Climate: Dick Parker  
 ERA: Teri Miller  
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 Health: Mahree Skala  
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel  
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 Mental Health: Mahree Skala  
 Speakers Bureau: Open  
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

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Local Website: [lwvcbc.org](http://lwvcbc.org)

State: [lwvmisouri.org](http://lwvmisouri.org)

National: [lwv.org](http://lwv.org)

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## 2020 RENEWALS ARE DUE PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING AT \$100 FOR OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (\$135 PER HOUSEHOLD)

**Member News**

Welcome to new members **Barbara Buchanan, Kyna Byerly, Carrie Collier, Kayleigh McCarty, Marcie McGuire, Zainab Jasim, Joe Piscotte, and Emma Shiver**, our MU Scholarship recipient.

**2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Thanks to all you have renewed their 2020 Membership! We have a total of 70 members who have renewed for 2020 and 123 members who have not renewed for 2020. We hope you will renew your membership soon!

**We invite you to honor our 100th Anniversary year by increasing your membership payment Single \$100 (regular \$65) and Family \$135 (regular family \$100). This will help us cover expenses for our wonderful Anniversary events this year.**

Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 for a household, \$25 for local students, and **(NEW) first year \$30 for new members 30 years of age and younger**. 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.)



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## **GALA CELEBRATION OF OUR LWV CENTENNIAL!!**

**Saturday, December 7**

2-4 p.m.

Broadway Christian Church Fellowship Hall  
2601 West Broadway



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With Entertainment by the Mothersingers who  
will sing Suffrage Songs

Proclamations from the City and County  
naming December as "League of Women  
Voters Month"

The Liz Schmidt Community  
Service Award and the  
Outstanding Citizen Award will be  
presented.

Refreshments will be served.  
There is no cost to attend.

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**Please RSVP by December 2 to**  
Joni O'Connor at 234-1012 or  
[joni@h2oc.com](mailto:joni@h2oc.com)

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