



The Voter

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

CANDIDATE AND BALLOT ISSUE FORUMS OCTOBER 11 AND 19

Our October forums will cover the Nov. 8 election. For October 11, we have these candidates: MO State Rep. 44th District (Tom Pauley (D) and Cheri Reisch (R)); MO State Rep. 46th District (Martha Stevens (D) and Don Waterman (R)); MO State Rep. 47th District (Susan McClintock (D) and Chuck Basye (R)); State Senate 19th District (Stephen Webber (D) and Caleb Rowden (R)). We will also have pro and con speakers on Constitutional Amendment 6, known as Photo Voter ID. KFRU's David Lile will moderate.

On October 19th we have these candidates: MO State Rep. 45th District (Kip Kendrick (D) and William Ray Lee (I)); Northern Boone County

Commissioner (Janet Thompson (D) and Brenndan Riddles (R)); and Southern Boone County Commissioner (Brianna Lennon (D) and Fred Parry (R)). We will also present pro and con positions for Amendment 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Proposition A. If a pro or con speaker cannot be found for a position, we will read an informational statement about the position. There will be time for audience questions. KFRU's Renee Hulshof from KFRU will moderate this forum.

Both forums will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library. KFRU will broadcast the forums live.

— Carol Schreiber



LUNCH & LEARN OCT. 18: STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

Nanette Ward, co-chair of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition, will speak at our Lunch & Learn program on Tuesday, October 18 at noon.

You may not know this, but human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing crime worldwide. In the U.S., trafficking is reported in all 50 states, in large and small cities, urban and rural communities. It happens in Mid-Missouri. Victims of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation are foreign-born and domestic women, men and children. The demands for cheap products, cheap labor and sex for purchase fuel this \$150 billion criminal industry.

Nanette Ward will share information about the work of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition. They strive to raise awareness about

human trafficking for identification and prevention, raise funds for financial

assistance to survivors with unmet needs, and provide direct support to survivors on their journey towards wholeness. Numerous partners have engaged with the Coalition in these efforts.

The public is encouraged to attend and learn about this major crime activity and how they might help in the efforts to end it.

We will meet on Oct. 18 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Because the South Providence Hy-Vee is undergoing construction, **we will meet at Conley Rd. Hy-Vee (near Sam's Club off East Broadway).**

— Marilyn McLeod



VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

In the month of September, we had a number of voter registration events. On September 13, we were at Columbia College for their "Hey Day" event. We talked with many students and registered about 10. Many students were already registered, so we wondered if they did so when they got their drivers license. Thanks so much to Lael Von Holt and Mahree Skala who participated in this activity.

We next went to Stephens College, where we were invited to provide voter registration during the play "An American Daughter," as it had a "women in politics" theme, on Sept. 23, 24 and 25. Most of the attendees were townspeople who were already registered; as were the students who attended. Of course, this was great -- at least we knew that the people are registered to vote. Thanks very much to Marion Mace Dickerson for working on this.

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BOARD MEETING REPORT

On September 19 the LWVCBC board reviewed three major events of the previous month: the August picnic in August (see September *Voter* for photo), the Celebrate the Vote event in St. Louis on Sept. 3, and Constitution Day on Sept. 18 (see photos elsewhere in this *Voter*).

Celebrate the Vote: A number of LWVCBC members and spouses attended this event held on the steps of the St. Louis Public Library and the park across the street. Speakers represented state and city political offices and numerous women's groups, and many organizations also had tables in the park. We noted the wide variety of groups represented, including the venerable Delta Sigma Theta sorority, NOW, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and many others, all wearing gold and purple sashes (and a few in authentic white dresses) to recognize the women of 1916. After the speeches we formed a parade around the park and across the street where we assembled on the library steps for photos. The activities, the beautiful weather, and the company of so many wonderful people made it a worthwhile trip.

Constitution Day: In conjunction with AAUW and the Columbia Public Library we welcomed Advancement Project attorney Denise Lieberman for the Holly Burgess Public Policy Forum. Lieberman gave a forceful and informative overview of the history of the right to vote in the U.S. (including why it is not part of the U.S. Constitution). Sam Griffin of KOPN recorded her talk, and we hope it is broadcast so that more people can take advantage of her knowledge. We learned a great deal. It was also great to collaborate with AAUW, and we should make a habit of that when we can.

Returning to the board meeting, we heard from members who have been representing us on the coalition working to defeat Amendment 6 on the

November ballot. We will be running radio ads closer to Election Day. In the meantime, we are seeking groups who would like to hear a presentation on this topic. Contact Marilyn McLeod if you have some ideas. We will have a Voter Guide to distribute with information on statewide and local candidates, as well as the pros and cons of the ballot issues. Marilyn McLeod has been coordinating voter registration events at colleges with the help of LWV volunteers. We also approved an Education Fund donation to support another Mental Health First Aid training. This project has been championed by Lael Von Holt.

Finally, this was the first board meeting at which we were sadly aware that Liz Schmidt would not be returning. At our August meeting she was absent, but we fully expected her to recover and assume her duties once more. Marilyn McLeod, Meredith Donaldson, and others have been looking at the long list of those duties and realizing that it will require far more than one person to "replace" her (as if that were possible). We will try. Every time one of us becomes overwhelmed we will just think of Liz and carry on with a smile.

Please come to the November member luncheon to help us remember and honor Liz. An announcement in this *Voter* explains how to make your reservation.

— Peggy Placier and Diane Suhler
Co-Presidents



LEAGUE DUES TIME

It's time to pay League dues for 2017. If you receive the *Voter* by mail, a membership form and return envelope are enclosed. If you receive your newsletter by email, please use the membership form on page 7.

Your annual dues of \$65 for an individual and \$100 per household include local, state and national membership. This reflects increases in both state and national dues.

We hope you will also consider a donation in memory of Liz Schmidt, who was so central to our League. Although there is no way to replace all she contributed, a financial contribution in her memory will help us continue our important work. Donations can be sent along with your dues. (Note: if you would like a tax deduction for that donation, please send a separate check made out to: LWVCBC-Education Fund.)

Thank you very much for your continued support for our organization. It is greatly appreciated!

“BALLOT ISSUES 101”: OCTOBER 12 CAT TV

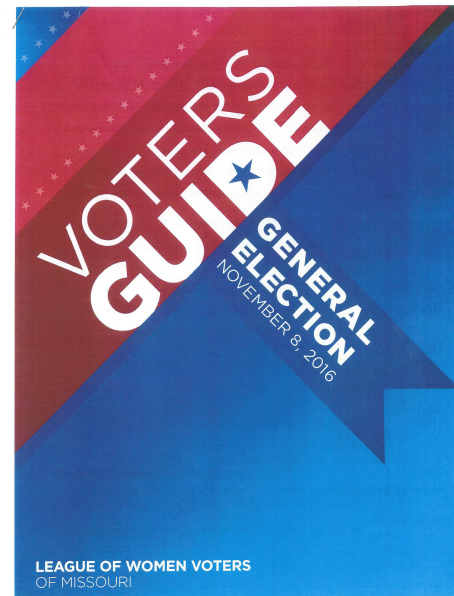
The six ballot issues will be the least understood part of the November 8th General Election ballot. Two of the items are competing issues on cigarette taxes; one takes the “right” to vote out of the Missouri Constitution; one imposes campaign contribution limits; one prohibits any new taxes on services (such as real estate agents); and one is a renewal of the tax that supports State Parks and soil conservation. The ballot language will not provide you with enough information to vote the way you may want to vote. You will be confused unless you are prepared.

To help voters in Columbia, the LWV October 12th CAT TV show at 7 p.m. will feature Mark Jones from MNEA. He is well versed on the ballot issues and will explain what will happen if you vote yes or no on each issue.

The LWV is also preparing a Voter Guide which will include statewide candidates, local candidates and ballot issues information. We will distribute these throughout Boone County. The Voter Guide

will also be available on our website. We hope to have this done by October 20.

— Carol Schreiber

**SUFFRAGIST MARCH HELD SEPTEMBER 3 IN ST. LOUIS**

To commemorate the 1916 Golden Lane, a number of LWVCBC members and spouses attended the Suffragist March held on the steps of the St. Louis Public Library and in the park across the street on September 3.



Denise Lieberman of the Advancement Project's Voter Protection Program, spoke on Constitution Day, Sept. 18, at the public library on the topic "Will They Count Your Vote: A Look at Voting Rights - Historic and Current."

VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES (continued from p.1)

After the experience at the play, we wondered what to expect when we went back to Stephens College on National Voter Registration Day (Sept. 27). We went over the lunch hour and were able to register 28 students, and also talked to many about how to get absentee ballots if they wanted to vote "back home". Thanks to Sharon Schneeberger for her efforts on this event.

We were at MU during the Sept. 28 Volunteer Fair. This was a five-hour fair and the hours flew by because we had so many students who stopped by our table. Many wanted to know how to get absentee ballots. Several needed just a change of address and we were able to do that online. Again, thanks to those who participated: Meredith Donaldson, Barbara Hoppe, Vena Long

and Sharon Schattgen. A special shoutout to Mike McElroy, who, although not a member, volunteered and was there most of the time (except when he gallantly went and got us some Voter Photo ID information cards). Special thanks also to Meredith for staying all day and bringing her laptop which was very helpful! We were able to register 42 students.

Although the numbers aren't "huge", we spoke with many more students than the numbers can relay. I hope all the volunteers can say they enjoyed the experience. I think interacting with the students was great fun and made us feel positive about the future!

— Marilyn McLeod

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, 2016. For September 2016 we recognize:

- The **Columbia Missourian** for providing extensive coverage of our forums and providing complimentary free-second day ads.
- **Scott Christianson** for moderating our State Legislators Town Hall on February 4, 2016.
- **Rudi Keller, John Schultz and Sean Nicholson** for being on our CAT TV show titled "Money in Politics" on October 14, 2015.
- **Mary Beth Brown** for speaking at our Founders' Luncheon on November 14, 2015.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

IN MEMORIAM - LIZ SCHMIDT

Liz was our rock. We thought we knew how much she did for the League. In fact, we are discovering how much she did that we didn't really know! Liz took care of so much for our organization, quietly and efficiently. She will be impossible to replace.

Her positive attitude and can-do spirit were infectious and an inspiration to the League, as well as many other organizations in our community, including the NAACP, Church Women United, Columbia Council of Churches, Interfaith Council, Calvary Episcopal Church, Wardrobe Thrift Store, Nora Stewart Early Learning Center, Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, KOPN radio station, Missouri Symphony Society, Boone County Human Development Association, Muleskinners, and Boone County Democrats.

When women were beginning to be more involved in government, Liz was the first woman on the Columbia City Planning and Zoning Commission, appointed in 1971. She later served as chairwoman of the Columbia Board of Adjustments. She served on the Columbia Environment and Natural Resources Commission. Liz was a leader for open housing,

president of the Citizens Committee for Fair Housing in Columbia, activist for Boone County Home Rule, and campaigned for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Liz never looked for acclaim or elected office for herself. Her life was about service. How wonderful that she was recognized for her work. She received the Outstanding Young Woman of

Columbia (1963, Jaycee), Distinguished Citizen Award (honorable mention in 1968 for her work on open housing legislation), Outstanding Civic Leader in Columbia (given by the Missouri Municipal League), the 1978 volunteer of the year (Columbia Voluntary Action Center), the first Columbia values diversity award (1998), the Lifetime Achievement in Peacemaking Award from the University of Missouri Peace Studies Program (2006), and Lt. Gov. Pete Kinder's Senior Service Award (2016).



Thank you, Liz, for your wonderful contributions to the League of Women Voters and to our community. We loved you and we will miss you.

There will be a Memorial Service for Liz on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Missouri United Methodist Church on 9th Street.

— Marilyn McLeod

CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO LWVUS

In response to decisions at the national LWVUS convention, we have made two bylaws changes:

1. Membership is no longer limited to "citizens." Anyone who supports our mission may join. This will allow local members to include people who are residing in the U.S. for work or study, or who are working toward citizenship.
2. The age limit for membership has been lowered from 18 to 16, which will allow high schoolers to join (at the student rate). It may also open up the possibility of high school student groups. This decision was controversial, and some Board members are concerned about liability for supervision of members younger than 18. Peggy has asked LWVUS for clarification on this point but has not yet received a response. (Continued on page 6)



Upcoming League Events!



OCTOBER 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	OCT 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	11 Election Forum 6:30 p.m. Library	12 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 Lunch & Learn Meeting Noon to 1:00 HyVee on Conley Rd.	19 Election Forum 6:30 p.m. Library	20	21	22
23	24 Board Meeting Boone Cty Family Resource Center 1209 E Walnut 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	NOV 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 ELECTION DAY	9 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15 FALL LUNCHEON Jack's 11:30a.m.	16	17 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	18	19

CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO LWVUS

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A board committee is working on another LWVUS request, each League to have a “nonpartisan policy” specifying in detail how members’ partisan activities might be limited while serving on the board and/or as officers. The LWVUS questions are quite extensive, but the committee will have a draft soon. Some people think “nonpartisan” means “neutral” — not taking any positions on political issues. But LWV has many positions and is not limited from engaging in advocacy for those issues. As we define it, nonpartisan means not advocating for a political party or for candidates. We understand that members may of course be involved in partisan efforts. Should those be limited for board members and/or officers, to maintain our public stance of nonpartisanship? We will provide a copy of the policy once the board has reviewed and approved it.

— Peggy Placier

LWV Officers:

Co-Presidents: Diane Suhler
(443-0549)
and Peggy Placier (442-2996)
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(443-4605)
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(657-1467)
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(449-1358)

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Rachel Brekhus (875-4295)
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Meredith Donaldson (289-3015)
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Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
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Committee Chairs:

Budget: Shirley Troth
Civil Liberties: Open position
Education: Open position
Energy Matters: Dick Parker
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Health: Mahree Skala
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Membership: Meredith Donaldson
Mental Health: Lael Von Holt
Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwcabc.org
State: lwvmisouri.org
National: lwv.org
Local Voter Information Portal:
lwcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
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Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

2017 LEAGUE DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Thank you very much for your continued support for our organization. It is greatly appreciated! We are preparing forums for the upcoming general elections, plus our educational forums on a wide array of important topics. 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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(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)

MEMBER UPDATE

We welcome new members Kathie Bergman, Sharon Buzzard, and Cecilia Glynn.

Liz Schmidt recently passed away. Please see the related article in this Voter.

Bill Allen, husband of LWV member (and former president) Kathryn Allen recently passed away.

TURBOVOTE: Our voter registration and assistance website is now available at lwcolumbiamo.turbovote.org. It allows individuals to register to vote; request absentee ballots; update addresses; request alerts about upcoming elections via text messages and email reminders; and learn about issues, candidates, etc., through data provided by the non-partisan Voter Information Project. LWV has partnered with Mizzou students and TurboVote to create this website. Mizzou students have their own TurboVote site. Our portal is available to Columbia College, Stephens and Moberly Area CCC students, as well other Boone County citizens.



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FALL LWV LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 15! SIGN UP NOW FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!!



It is time for our annual member luncheon:

- **Nov. 15, 12:00** (reservation table will be available starting at 11:30)
- **Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, 1903 Business Loop 79E.**

At this event we will bestow the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award (more on that below). This annual award, previously known as the Citizen of the Year, has been renamed to honor Liz Schmidt, who for many years coordinated reservations, greeted guests, and was the one LWV member that Columbians most associated with LWV. It will be so difficult to hold this event without her.

To make your reservation:

- **Early Bird:** Those who reserve by Oct. 25 will pay \$17. Send your check for the correct amount (based on the number attending) to League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 239, Columbia MO 65205. In the memo line, indicate "November Luncheon." If you want to pay at the door, call Peggy Placier at 573-442-2996 by Nov. 1, or email to

pplacier@centurylink.net and we will indicate on our list that you are an Early Bird.

- **Final Deadline:** The price for later reservations will be \$22. Between Nov. 1-8 (we must get Jack's our attendance count a week in advance), call Peggy at 573-442-2996. You can pay at the door.

To nominate someone for the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award:

- Think of someone in Boone County who exemplifies the ideal of community service, in any realm of life outside of party politics.
- **Send your nominations to LWV, PO Box 239, Columbia MO 65205 by Oct. 17.** Write at least a page listing the person's services to the community. The LWVCBC Board will select the awardee at our Oct. 24 meeting.

Several of Liz's longtime League friends will also share their memories, and Liz's son Fred Schmidt and his wife Cathy Rosenholtz will be at the luncheon to present the award.

— Peggy Placier
