



# The Voter

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

## APRIL 11 CAT TV: UNDERSTANDING MISSOURI CAFO'S

"Understanding Missouri CAFO's" will be our topic at the League of Women Voters Presents CAT TV show on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be from the Missouri Rural Crisis Center. Randy Picht, Executive Director of MU's Reynolds Journalism Institute, will be our moderator.

The show airs live at 7:00 p.m. on March 14. The program will be available on our website or at

[www.columbiaaccess.tv](http://www.columbiaaccess.tv). The show replays on CAT TV at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. CAT TV is found on Mediacom Channel 85, Charter Communications 983, and CenturyTel Prism 98.



— Carol Schreiber

## APRIL 17 LUNCH & LEARN: EVALUATING INFORMATION IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS AND ALTERNATIVE FACTS

Our next Lunch & Learn will be at noon on April 17 at the Conley Road Hy-Vee meeting room on the 2nd floor. "Evaluating Information in the Age of Fake News and Alternative Facts." Misinformation is as old as the truth. While traditional forms of media were once able to act as gatekeepers for much of the information that reached the public, today the proliferation of social media and other online sources has nearly overwhelmed us with so-called "facts."

In this presentation, you will learn how to become a more savvy consumer of news and information, as well as the motivations behind the purveyors of fake news." Jake Parsons, a librarian at Columbia Public Library, will be the presenter.



— Barbara Hoppe

## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING APRIL 25

Mark your calendar for the LWV Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The League will supply sandwich, veggie and fruit trays for a light dinner. **There will be no cost for our members!**

The Annual Meeting will celebrate conferral of the Eleanor Goodge Award to Joni O'Connor. See page 3 for an article about Joni and why she undeniably merits this award.

Our special guest speaker will be Sandra Davidson who will address First Amendment current issues. Professor Davidson writes a regular column in the *Columbia Missourian*, teaches communications law at the School of Journalism, and is an adjunct professor at the MU School of Law.

A short business meeting will follow the speakers and award presentation. We will vote on the Nominations Committee Report, the proposed budget for 2018-19, and a proposed bylaws revision. (These items have been sent to you previously and are also included in this Voter on pages two, four and five, respectively.)



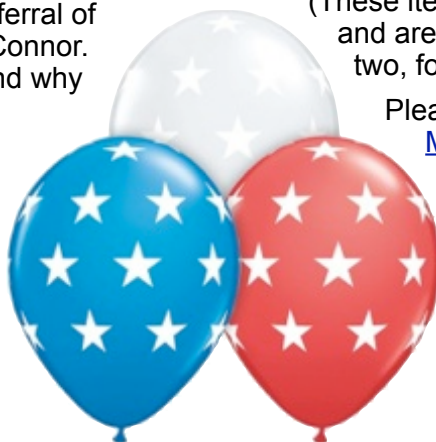
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(445-3500) to let us know you plan to attend. That way we will know how much food to order.

Plan to come to socialize and celebrate our work and accomplishments this year!

— Carol Schreiber and Marilyn McLeod



## MARCH BOARD MEETING REPORT

For the League, the March 26 board meeting represents the 'end' of the term year for some officers and board members. It is also a time to begin assembling a team to lead our local organization in the coming year, to 'tweak' our by-laws to meet the ever-changing needs of the organization, and to plan/budget for the coming year's activities.

The League, like many organizations, faces difficulty in trying to fill leadership roles. People's busy lives make it difficult for them to take on added leadership responsibilities. The situation for the LWV is compounded by the requirement that those in some leadership roles must limit their involvement in partisan politics. In election years and times of extreme polarization like we face today, many members do not want to give up their political voice. These circumstances resulted in the need for our organization to 'think outside of the box' and look to a new model of leadership. Rather than a president or co-presidents, an executive committee will share leadership responsibilities. This model will provide added flexibility to our organization and insure that the voice of the LWV remains strong in our community.

In order to accommodate the new governing structure, changes in the by-laws are needed. The board voted to amend our by-laws to reflect the new leadership format. Along with this, the slate of officers was approved. A budget for the coming year was presented and approved. As our budget indicates, the fiscal condition of our organization is strong and we have the financial resources needed to fund extensive voter outreach and educational activities in the coming year. The changes to the by-laws, the slate of officers, and the proposed 2018-19 budget will be presented to the membership for their approval at our Annual Meeting on April 25th.

Another important order of business for the board was the selection of the recipient of the Eleanor Goodge Award. This is a very special award for our League—an opportunity to recognize 'one of our own' for their outstanding contribution and dedication to the mission of our organization. It was with great pride that the board unanimously voted to present this award to Joni O'Connor. We hope you all will join us at the Annual Meeting to honor Joni and her many years of service.

Of course, no board meeting is complete without reports on upcoming activities. As you will see in other sections of *The Voter*, the League will have a presence at Earth Day; we will be co-sponsoring a Mental Health Forum in May; interesting programs are planned for Lunch & Learn and CAT-TV; we are increasing our collaboration with other groups on voter registration; we will give 'voice' to the national position on the need for gun laws; and we will continue to advocate for fair and equitable redistricting.

We hope that the activities of our organization will excite and energize each and every member. Our country and our voting system face serious issues. It is imperative that the voice and actions of the League be a guide for navigating these times.

— Diane Suhler, President



## BOARD NOMINATIONS UP FOR VOTE AT APRIL 25 ANNUAL MEETING

### Officers

President - OPEN

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Barbara Hoppe (2018-2019)

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Diane Suhler (2018-2020)

Treasurer – Marilyn McLeod (2018-2020)

Ruth Millege (2018-2020)

Open board position (2018-2020)

Mahree Skala (2018-2020)

Meredith Donaldson (2018-2020)

Sharon Schneeberger (2018-2020)

### Nominating Committee

Open position, Chair

David Leuthold

Win Colwill

## JONI O'CONNOR TO RECEIVE ELEANOR GOODGE AWARD

We are delighted to announce that Joni O'Connor, a very dedicated decades-long LWV member, will receive the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the LWV at our April 25 Annual Meeting.

Joni served as President from 1985 to 1989, as well as Secretary and Treasurer for numerous terms. She served on the LWVMO Board as Legislative Action Chair in the 1980's. She has played a leadership role on the annual fundraiser, been active with the Energy Matters Committee, and was our



unofficial photographer for League events for years.

In addition to all her official service to the LWV, Joni has always brought her exemplary personal qualities to her commitment to the League. Always positive and upbeat, warm and welcoming, Joni is to be lauded for the always generous contribution of her time, talent and even her home as a location for many meetings!

We can think of no one who more represents the qualities of Eleanor Goodge and this Award!

Congratulations, Joni.

Please join us on April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at our Annual Meeting at the Columbia Public Library to honor Joni.

— Marilyn McLeod

## LWVMO SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 5 IN KANSAS CITY

Climate change and the Sunshine Law will highlight the LWVMO Spring Conference in Kansas City. The registration fee will be \$25. The location is at Good Shepard Community of Christ at 4341 Blue Ridge Boulevard near Independence on Saturday, May 5. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and the conference will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Local members will be carpooling and LWV will pay registration fees for the first six members to sign up.

Please email us at [lwvcbc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcbc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend the conference.

More details will be in the LWVMO "Missouri Voter."

— Carol Schreiber



The March 13 LWV Candidate & Ballot Issue Forum was well attended. The event was broadcast live on KFRU. Pictured above are the candidates for Columbia School Board, Teresa Maledy, Susan Blackburn, Tyler Lero, Ben Tilley, and Christine King. The library cosponsored this event.

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

| PROPOSED LWV-CBC FY2019 BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENSES FY 2015, FY2016, FY2016 and FY 2018 TO DATE |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2014-15<br>Actual | 2015-16<br>Actual | 2016-17<br>Actual | FY 2018 to<br>date<br>Actual | FY 2019<br>Budget |
| <b>Income</b>  |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |
| LWVMO Education Fund   | \$3,890           | \$1,516           | \$4,079           | \$628                        | <b>\$2,300</b>    |
| Member contribution  | \$2,479           | \$1,250           | \$2,225           | \$1,180                      | <b>\$1,250</b>    |
| Member dues  | \$7,035           | \$7,155           | \$7,815           | \$6,886                      | <b>\$6,500</b>    |
| Misc. income   | \$45              | \$1,550           | \$60              | \$1,652                      | <b>\$125</b>      |
| Other contributions  | \$130             | \$720             | \$1,030           | \$250                        | <b>\$300</b>      |
| Other income   | \$85              | \$0               | \$0               | \$0                          | -----             |
| Other income (net from June CEC play)  | \$3,687           | \$4,085           | \$2,959           | \$0                          | <b>\$3,000</b>    |
| From savings   | \$0               | \$0               | \$1,531           | \$0                          | <b>\$1,795</b>    |
|  | <b>\$17,351</b>   | <b>\$16,276</b>   | <b>\$19,699</b>   | <b>\$10,596</b>              | <b>\$15,270</b>   |
|  |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |
| LWVMO Education Fund   | \$3,837           | \$1,516           | \$3,958           | \$923                        | <b>\$2,300</b>    |
| Advertising, awards, scholarships  | \$1,047           | \$293             | \$1,686           | \$456                        | <b>\$1,200</b>    |
| Board  | \$0               | \$0               | \$0               | \$100                        | <b>\$250</b>      |
| Bulletin   | \$1,907           | \$1,875           | \$1,475           | \$482                        | <b>\$750</b>      |
| LWVMO Dues (\$15-\$20)   | \$2,175           | \$1,980           | \$2,520           | \$3,520                      | <b>\$2,520</b>    |
| LWVUS dues (\$31-33)   | \$4,495           | \$4,224           | \$4,032           | \$4,032                      | <b>\$4,000</b>    |
| Meetings lunch-lrn, Fndrs  | \$687             | \$148             | \$40              | -\$56                        | <b>\$200</b>      |
| Membership   | \$361             | \$50              | \$455             | \$99                         | <b>\$150</b>      |
| Miscellaneous  | \$244             | \$1,499           | \$312             | \$93                         | <b>\$100</b>      |
| Natl convention  | \$0               | \$0               | \$2,000           | \$0                          | <b>\$1,500</b>    |
| Post office  | \$498             | \$678             | \$492             | \$149                        | <b>\$400</b>      |
| State convention, council  | \$600             | \$290             | \$735             | \$160                        | <b>\$600</b>      |
| Voter service (CATV)   | \$1,100           | \$1,036           | \$1,994           | \$950                        | <b>\$1,300</b>    |
|  | <b>\$16,951</b>   | <b>\$13,589</b>   | <b>\$19,699</b>   | <b>\$10,908</b>              | <b>\$15,270</b>   |
| Miscellaneous income in FY2018 is mostly net income from Webber play.                          |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |
| Donations were made to LWV this year in memory of Betsey Winnacker and Eleanor Goodge          |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |
| LWVMO dues in FY2018 includes a \$1,000 donation for expenses of state office manager          |                   |                   |                   |                              |                   |



## PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISION

To be voted on at the April 25 Annual Meeting:

### Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers.

The officers of the LWVCBC shall be a president or co-president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an annual meeting and take office immediately except the treasurer will not take office until July 1 of that year. In the event that no members will stand for election as President or Co-President, the elected officers and

any additional experienced board members may serve as an Executive Committee to ensure all the responsibilities of the President will be fulfilled. Decisions of the Executive Committee will be made by consensus. The first-vice president and the secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second vice-president and the treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. If there are co-presidents, one may be elected in an even-numbered year and one in an odd-numbered year and either may be a one-year term.

## APRIL 22 IS EARTH DAY

The LWV will have a booth at Earth Day on Sunday afternoon, April 22. The Earth Day Event takes place in Peace Park, the tree covered lawn on the city side of the University campus.



We will display information on greenhouse gas savings by driving a hybrid car. Electric cars do not become better in this regard until Columbia reaches about 30% renewables. We will also advocate the use of clothes lines. This has a significant impact compared with the use of clothes driers.

We will provide an opportunity to tell the Mayor's Task Force On Climate Adaptation and Action Planning what individuals think Columbia's goals should be. The MTFCAAP is having a public meeting on May 22 at 5:30 in the Arc to solicit people's views. It would be good to attend that but we thought that many people attending Earth Day would not make the meeting so are trying to provide wider input to the Task Force.

There are openings for booth sitting at Earth Day. This is a great opportunity to talk to people about the LWV, which is the primary activity of booth sitters. If you would like to help please call Dick Parker at (573) 256-4397 or email him at [rbparker111@gmail.com](mailto:rbparker111@gmail.com).

— Dick Parker

## HOW DOES REDISTRICTING WORK?



A big thank you to MU Professor Emeritus David Leuthold for a thorough and interesting Lunch and Learn Program about Voter Redistricting and Gerrymandering on March 20. We had a great crowd of 28 attendees fill the room. Thanks also Sharon Schneeberger and Elaine Blodget, who assisted. Leagues across the U.S. are acknowledging this important issue and encouraging citizen involvement for drawing fair and impartial voting districts on the local, state and national levels. This is absolutely critical for a democratic government.

— Barbara Hoppe



## Upcoming League Events!



### APRIL 2018

| Sunday              | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday  |
|---------------------|--|---|--|---|--------|---|
| APRIL 1             | 2  | 3   | <b>4 Voter Registration</b><br>Douglass High School<br>12:30 - 1:00 p.m. | 5   | 6      | 7   |
| 8                   | 9  | <b>10 Equity Day</b><br>Jefferson City  | <b>11 CAT-TV Understanding Missouri CAFO'S</b><br>7:00 p.m.              | 12  | 13     | 14  |
| 15                  | <b>16 LWV on Paul Pepper</b><br>KBIA 8:50 a.m.         | <b>17 Lunch &amp; Learn "Evaluating Information in the Age of Fake News and Alternative Facts"</b><br>Conley Road HyVee<br>Noon | 18   | 19  | 20     | 21  |
| <b>22 Earth Day</b> | 23   | 24  | <b>25 LWV Annual Meeting</b> Columbia Public Library<br>5:30 p.m.        | 26  | 27     | <b>28 Autism Awareness Walk</b> hosted by Thompson Center |
| 29                  | <b>30 Voter Registration</b><br>Paquin Tower<br>2 p.m. | 1   | 2  | 3   | 4      | <b>5 LWVMO Spring Conference</b>                          |
| 6                   | 7  | 8   | <b>9 CAT-TV</b><br>7:00 p.m.   | 10  | 11     | 12  |
| 13                  | <b>14 LWV on Paul Pepper</b><br>KBIA 8:50 a.m.         | <b>15 Lunch &amp; Learn "A Thing Called Race"</b><br>Conley Road HyVee<br>Noon  | 16   | <b>17 Mental Health Forum</b><br>Columbia Public Library<br>7:00 p.m. | 18     | 19  |
| 20                  | 21   | 22  | 23   | 24  | 25     | 26  |
| 27                  | 28   | 29  | 30   | 31  |        |   |

**LWV Officers:**

President: Diane Suhler (443-0549)  
 1st VP: Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)  
 2nd VP: Ava Fajen (424-6683)  
 Secretary: Carol Schreiber (657-1467)  
 Treasurer: David Leuthold (449-1358)

**Elected Directors:**

Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)  
 Barbara Hoppe (443-5107)  
 Vena Long (777-2487)  
 Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)  
 Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366)  
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)  
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)  
 Shirley Troth (443-7033)

**Appointed Directors:**

Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)  
 Dick Parker (256-4397)  
 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

**Committee Chairs:**

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

**Voter Editor:** Ava Fajen

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

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

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

Local Voter Information Portal:

[lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org](http://lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org)

Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"



Thank you very much for your continued support! Dues received now are for the 2018 year. We are preparing for the upcoming Cat TV programs, Lunch & Learn programs, 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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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.)

**MEMBER UPDATE**

The LWV welcomes new members Richard and Tootie Burns, Dorothy Mathews, Sara B. Samuels, and Sara Sunshine.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mary Ruth (Rogers) Hyde, 96, passed away at South Hampton Place on Saturday, March 17, 2018 after a brief illness. Mary Ruth was a longtime LWV member who served as secretary from 1988 to 1998.

With her husband (Clarendon Hyde), Mary Ruth was active in the Civil Rights Movement and the NAACP. In 1965, she marched with her husband and daughter in Jefferson City in support of civil rights. An ardent feminist, she was a champion of the Equal Rights Amendment and an active member of the League of Women Voters, PEO, and the American Association of University Women.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. on June 2, at Calvary Episcopal Church, with reception to follow.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **IN MEMORIAM: WENDY NOREN, 1954-2018**

Longtime Boone County Clerk Wendy Noren passed away on March 11. Wendy Noren has been a significant part of our lives since she began working at the County Clerk office in 1978. She won election to the office nine times, starting in 1982. In the intervening years she became a leading expert on elections at the state, federal and international levels. For example, she helped write the national Help America Vote Act, and advocated that the federal government provide funding for election machines since there were many rural counties that couldn't afford the election machines required by the Act.

Among her many achievements, Wendy helped improve the County Clerk's website using many technological advances. We can now look up our polling place information, see the appropriate ballot, find out our elected officials, register to vote, update our address, and more on the website.

We called upon her many times over the years to share her expertise at our various events. We could not have been prouder of her contributions at every level of the government, but especially to our community. On December 2, 2017 the LWVCBC awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award to Wendy

Noren. This annual award is presented to an individual who has made a significant impact on the lives of individuals, groups or the community as a volunteer or as part of their job.

A celebration of Wendy's remarkable life will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Ballroom of the Tiger Hotel, 23 S. 8th St., Columbia, MO 65201, to give an opportunity for friends and members of the community that she served to gather and remember her.

— Marilyn McLeod

