



The Voter

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

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You are Invited to
The League of Women Voters of
Columbia-Boone County
Annual Fundraiser

A World Premiere!

The Year Without a Play

Location: Your home

Date: June 2020

Time: At your convenience

FUNDRAISER: THE YEAR WITHOUT A PLAY!

Due to Covid-19, our big fundraiser of the year will be "A Year Without a Play" – a phantom play which did not - and will never - win a Tony Award! But we hope it will be a winner for our League!

As we have done each year, the money raised from this event goes into the general fund of LWW and supports our yearly activities.

Before the "play," perhaps enjoy a dinner or takeout from one of the restaurants that have supported us in the past, including Bamboo Terrace, Coley's, D. Rowes, House of Chow, Las Margaritas, Pasta Factory, Stone 44, and Tellers.

Everyone who makes a donation of at least \$30 will receive a memento (which we will mail to you)! You can be an underwriter for a donation of at least \$100! These items will be a memento of the 100th anniversary year of the League of Women Voters and the ratification of the 19th Amendment! See page 3 for the Order Form.

We really hope to see you and your friends *sometime soon*, just not at this phantom play. But in the meantime, we hope that you will support the League's work to provide voters with factual, unbiased information. Your League is vitally important to a democracy for all.

**JUNE 9 LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM: IMPROVING VOTER
PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT - Details on page 4**

MAY BOARD REPORT

The LWVCBC Board met remotely on Monday, May 18 via Zoom. President Marilyn McLeod welcomed new Board member Rene Powell to her first meeting.

In March a donation of **\$50 was approved to be sent to the Columbia Public School foundation** in gratitude for the school staff finding and copying the Minutes of the School Board from the time when Luella St. Claire Moss was a member in the 1920's. Pam Springsteel shared that information in our last month's *Voter*.

The Treasurer's report revealed that we had inadvertently left out funds in the next budget year for the Liz Schmidt Scholarship. The board consensus was to continue with the scholarship. Since the local colleges are in hiatus, we will pursue the scholarship winner at a later date.

100th Anniversary Updates – Pam reported that one of our members has underwritten the cost (\$400) for the use of the Boone County History and Culture Center for our August 26 100th Anniversary Celebration. The Board agreed to keep the idea of an in-person event on the table for now. We are still working with RagTag theater on the last two film programs we had planned. One of them will be "virtual." Pam proposed the idea that there be a filmed tour of the "She Got the Vote" exhibit, so this could be available for the future.

Voter Protection Committee – Sharon Schneeberger reported that a court case has been filed due to misleading ballot language in "Dirty Missouri" (the amendment passed by the legislature to overturn Clean Missouri). Legislation to allow absentee voting by mail was passed by the legislature on the last day of session, but it will not apply to the June election. The requirements to vote by mail in this new legislation (which will be in effect for the August and November elections) are very complicated; a notary is still required unless a person meets the limited qualifications to vote without notarization. Thankfully, the strict voter ID requirement legislation which was proposed did not pass!

LWVUS National Convention – The LWVUS National Convention will be "virtual." Our three delegates will be Meredith Donaldson, Ruth Milledge and Marilyn McLeod. Non-delegates

should be able to observe, although the details have not been released. We will provide this information to our members when it is available.

VOTE411 – As a result of a state LWV grant, we have access to add local information to the national VOTE411 site. Mahree Skala has added local data for the June election to VOTE411.

Candidate Forums and Lunch & Learn –

Everyone agreed that the May candidate forums on Zoom worked well and that Barbara Hoppe did a great job moderating. We will plan to take more audience questions at the July candidate forum on Zoom for the only primary contested race on the ballot, the Boone County Northern District Commissioner Republican candidates.

Mahree suggested the topic of minority health disparities for an upcoming Lunch & Learn. We want this to occur before the November Election, which we expect will include a ballot issue on the expansion of Medicaid for All. Update: this will be on the August ballot. See page 6 for details.

Board Planning Meeting – Every year, following our regular Annual Meeting in April with the election of new board members, we hold a planning session for the next year. Clearly this year is different. Although it is somewhat difficult this year to plan, we did spend some time reviewing the next few months at this meeting.

August Celebration and Annual Meeting – We hope to have an in-person August celebration for the centennial of the final ratification of the 19th Amendment, and include our Annual Meeting in the event since we were not able to have that meeting in April. As noted above, a generous (anonymous) member has offered to underwrite the cost of using the Boone County History and Culture Center. That's amazing! Our grateful thanks to this individual. This would be the final event in our remarkable series of programs and events celebrating the centennials of the 19th Amendment and the LWV.

Fund-raiser – Our main fund-raiser for many years has involved joining with the Columbia Entertainment Company in June for a fun evening at the theater. Since we won't be able to do that, the board came up with the idea of (Continued on page 6)

The Year Without a Play

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TICKET ORDER FORM

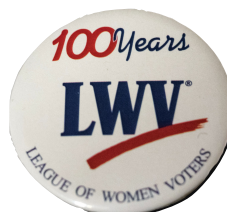
To make “reservations” just send this order form and your check to LWV-CBC, PO Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205. Questions? Call Marilyn McLeod, (573) 445-3500. Note that we will do our best to honor your memento request. Supplies are limited.

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of Tickets _____ @ \$30
 Underwriter _____ @ \$100 (or more)
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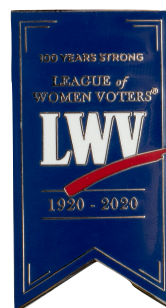
For a donation of at least \$30 – Select one of the following. (Indicate first choice/second choice)

- ___ 100th Anniversary Button
 ___ 100th Anniversary Pen
 ___ Thanks, but I don’t need a memento.



Or, for \$100 Underwriter – Select one of the following (Indicate first choice/second choice)

- ___ Suffragist Pin
 ___ Centennial Banner Pin
 ___ Votes for Women Sash (quantity limited)
 ___ Thanks, but I don’t need a memento.



JUNE 9 LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM: IMPROVING VOTER PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT - ON ZOOM

This month's Lunch & Learn is planned for the regularly scheduled date and time: Tuesday, June 9, from noon - 1 p.m. We hope our speaker will be available via zoom - but please check Facebook and or our website closer to the event. We also will be sending out an email update closer to the date! Details about how to log on via Zoom will be forwarded to members and will be listed on our website and Facebook account when they are available.

This month is to be the second program in a two part series titled "Diversity and Inclusion. This program is titled **"Improving participation & engagement with voters,"** with guest speaker Nikki McGruder, Director of the Inclusive Impact Institute. Nikki is an extremely dynamic,

knowledgeable and engaging speaker. She will focus specifically on inclusivity and diversity as it relates to the very important goal of increasing voter participation and engagement.



Details will be provided to members by email, Facebook and our website closer to the day of the event.

We have been fortunate to have the Columbia Public Library as a cosponsor of these events, and we hope the library will be able to resume its co-sponsorship next fall.

— Barbara Hoppe, Lunch & Learn Chair

UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS!

Currently, the three Centennial exhibits are closed due to the pandemic. Check their websites for updates if the stay-at-home order is lifted.

Suffrage exhibit: "She got the Vote" Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa. Once the museum reopens, the exhibit will continue until September 2020. *We are in the process of putting together a virtual tour of this exhibit.*

Stephens College Exhibit "Suffrage, What's Fashion Got to Do with It?" Stephens College Fashion Museum on the Mezzanine of Lela Wood Rainey Hall, 6 North College Avenue. The Fashion Museum is now closed.

State Historical Society of Missouri art gallery, Exhibit: "Missouri Women: Suffrage to Statecraft".

Exhibit runs through July 25. Center for Missouri Studies, Art Gallery, First Floor, 605 Elm Street. The Center is now closed.

June (date not set) 6:30pm, Ragtag Cinema, film, "Suffragette" starring Meryl Streep, underwritten by Central Bank of Boone County. Ragtag Cinema has not yet reopened.

July or August (date not set), 6:30pm, Ragtag Cinema, "Year of the Woman" documentary. Free

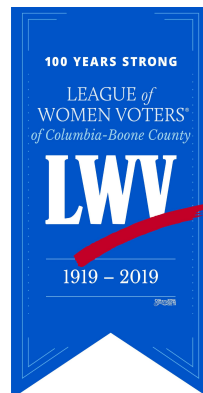
and open to the public. Film plus discussion. Ragtag Cinema has not yet reopened.

June 30-November 9, 2020. Museum of Art and Archaeology, exhibit "American Women Artists since the Vote". Museum hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. (At this time, the museum is closed).

July 4, 2020. Saturday, Kickoff of Bicentennial of Boone County. Noon, reenactments at Columbia Cemetery; 4 p.m., Courthouse Square, Stephens College Theater Dept., reenactment of Boone County women: Thomasina Talley Green, Maude Adams, Joan Crawford, Rebecca Boone, Sarah Whybark, Shirley Hardwicke, Helen Stephens, Barbara McClintock, Ann Hawkins Gentry, Ann Covington, Muriel Battle, Laura Ingalls Wilder. Music by Tom Andes.

August 26, 2020, Wednesday. League Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. This event will include our Annual Meeting, rescheduled from April. The Stephens College A Capella Choir will provide entertainment. We are pleased to announce that an anonymous member of the 100th Anniversary Committee has donated the amount for the rental of the Boone County History and Culture Center for this event. This would be an in-person event, so it will depend on the pandemic situation at that time.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net



THE HISTORY OF WOMEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Right before things shut down in March due to the pandemic, we cosponsored an event at the Columbia Public Library on March 11, with the American Association of University Women-Columbia Branch, about the "History of Women at the University of Missouri." The presenter was Mary Beth Brown, PhD candidate at the University of Missouri Department of History.



Mary Beth Brown

Here is an article written by Carolyn Mulford, a member of the AAUW, about that program for the AAUW newsletter. We greatly appreciate her sharing the article with us.

Women's Slow Rise at MU

In 1872, the University of Missouri catalog called admitting female students in 1867 a "bold and hazardous" move. Many faculty members and legislators didn't change their minds about that for decades, according to Brown.

She focused her talk on women's experiences on campus over the next century and some key events. Initially women could enroll only in the normal school, which prepared teachers. One woman received a degree in 1870.

In 1872, twenty women were enrolled in various departments, and one received a B.S.

Despite a growing enrollment, women faced many restrictions for the rest of the 19th century and well into the 20th. In the early 1900s, signs of progress included the founding of the Young Women's

Christian Association (YWCA), which remained deeply involved in student affairs until the 1960s; the building of Read Hall, a women's dorm the legislature found too luxurious; the growth of an ill-equipped women's athletic association; and a rare, outstanding rifle team that practiced in the Jesse Hall attic. (See photo on page 10.)

Brown noted that students in the 1930s spent a lot of time selecting kings and queens for special occasions. Women also took social issues seriously, with some attending court sessions to support African American Lucile Bluford's futile efforts to enter the Journalism School's graduate program.

When the University built Gentry Hall as a women's dorm during World War II, women formed about a third of the student body. Veterans flooded the campus after the war, making housing so scarce that the university limited the enrollment of women. The opening of Eva Johnston Hall in 1947 helped ease, but not end, the housing problem.

By the 1950s women were struggling to abolish dress codes, to permit integration, and to promote equality. The introduction of the first women's studies course in 1971 met opposition from members of the heavily male faculty. In any decade some see advances for women as bold and hazardous steps. Brown's presentation celebrated the Centennial of the 19th Amendment and Women's History Month.



MEDICAID EXPANSION TO BE ON AUGUST 4 BALLOT

On May 1, 2020, Missouri Health Care for All submitted nearly 350,000 signatures – almost twice the number required – to put Medicaid Expansion on the November ballot. The Missouri Secretary of State certified the initiative and it will appear on the August 4 primary election ballot. (The Governor called for an August 4 date before the May 26 deadline.)

Amendment 2 would expand Medicaid eligibility in Missouri to adults that are 19 to 64 years old whose income is 133% of the federal poverty level or below. This would effectively expand Medicaid to those with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level under the Affordable Care Act. In 2020, this amounted to an annual income of \$17,608 for an individual and \$36,156 for a household of four.

Supporters estimate 230,000 additional adults would enroll in Missouri's Medicaid program if voters approve the expansion. Thirty-six states have adopted Medicaid expansion measures.

According to newspaper reports, two lawsuits have been filed to prevent this from being on the Missouri ballot. The groups filing lawsuits included the conservative advocacy group United for Missouri and Americans for Prosperity-Missouri.

Jack Cardetti, a spokesperson for Healthcare for Missouri, responded: "Filing frivolous lawsuits to prevent Missourians from expanding health care, protecting jobs, and keeping rural hospitals open, at a time when these issues are more important than ever, is a new low -- even for special interest lawyers. This attempt to take away the right of all Missourians to vote will not work. It's simply a last-ditch effort by people who know they cannot win in the court of public opinion."

Our League expects to have two events related to the issue. So watch for details in the next issue and in emails that will follow.

— Marilyn McLeod

MAY BOARD REPORT (Cont'd)

holding a "Phantom Play" fund-raiser. Although we love the opportunity to get together with all our great members and friends at this very popular annual event, the underlying purpose is to raise funds for our activities. We know that this year will be especially important as we work to preserve the tenets of Clean Missouri in the upcoming election. Even though this won't be a live performance, we hope you will still want to purchase "tickets" or be an underwriter. In place of theater tickets, we will send you a memento of the centennial. Details for this are provided on page 3.

Note that it is possible that we might work with the CEC for a play in September, but since that is an unknown at this time, and we don't know how many people would actually come, we believe that our "Phantom Play" idea is a good way to go right now.

And Finally...

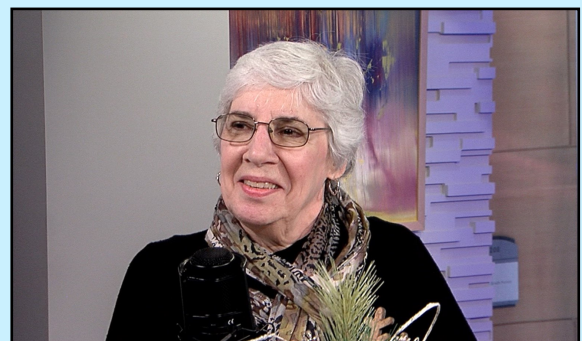
Despite the hardships of the last few months, which we hope will lessen soon, I want us to be sure to remember that we have had a great year, not only with our monthly events and candidate forums, but also with the outstanding events

celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment and the League, thanks to the leadership of Pam Springsteel and the 100th Anniversary Committee. Do you remember that the celebration actually began in December 2018 with a performance by Mary Shaw as Luella St. Clair Moss? And it continued through March of this year. Hopefully, we can hold the final event in August which would complete our celebration.

In the meantime, we hope that you and yours are staying healthy and safe.

Best regards,

— Marilyn McLeod, President





- Are you confined, ill or at high risk of COVID-19? Vote Absentee – No Notary Required
- Permanent absentee voter – No Notary Required
- All other voters – Can vote by mail in 2020 – Ballot must be notarized

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE OR BY MAIL IN MISSOURI IN 2020 DUE TO COVID-19

Do you expect to be confined due to illness or disability, or are caring for someone who is?	How Can I Vote by Mail?	Does my ballot need to be notarized?	How can I request a ballot?	Deadline to request a ballot?	How can I submit my ballot?	Deadline to submit the ballot
Do you expect to be confined due to illness or disability, or are caring for someone who is?	Can vote absentee under excuse #2: (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability (permanent)	NO	By email, fax, in-person or by mail	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 nd Wednesday before Election Day Can vote absentee in person until 5p.m. day before Election Day	Can be returned in-person or by mail, by voter or a close relative of voter	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day
Do you have or are you at risk of complications from COVID-19? At risk includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 years or older • in a long term care facility, • chronic lung disease or moderate/severe asthma • serious heart condition, • Immunocompromised, • diabetes, • liver disease, • chronic kidney disease/ dialysis 	Can vote absentee under excuse #7: (7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (For 2020 only)	NO	By email, fax, in-person or by mail	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 nd Wednesday before Election Day Can cast absentee ballot in person until 5p.m. day before Election Day	Can be returned in-person or by mail, by voter or a close relative of voter	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day
I wish to vote by mail but don't meet any of the excuses to vote absentee.	Any voter can vote by mail for 2020 elections. No excuse required. (For 2020 only)	YES	By mail only	Request for mail-ballot must be received by 2 nd Wednesday before Election Day	Must be returned to the election authority by MAIL only.	Ballot must be received by close of polls on Election Day

MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

Questions? denise@movpc.org

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MISSOURI SUNSHINE COALITION

LWV Representative Report, May 2020

Open records requirements are crucial to maintain press and citizen vigilance over our democratic system of government. To hold public officials accountable, we must first know what they are doing and who they are communicating with “behind the scenes.” The Missouri Sunshine Coalition (MSC) exists to promote knowledge of and adherence to the “Sunshine Law” by all levels of government.

MSC members include press organizations and other groups/individuals who support the principles of good government, including the League of Women Voters. Dennis Ellsworth, a recently retired newspaper editor in St. Joseph, was recently engaged as executive secretary and has begun work to revitalize the MSC. Three new board member candidates were approved at the general membership meeting on May 21: Kathy

Kiely, MU Journalism Professor; Echo Lee Menges, editor of the Edina Sentinel newspaper; and Roger Seay, news director for KFVS-TV in Cape Girardeau. Board officers were approved at the same meeting: Amos Bridges, President; Kia Breaux, Vice-President; Mahree Skala (LWV Representative), second term as Secretary; and Roger Seay, Treasurer.

The new board will establish committees to accelerate the coalition’s outreach efforts. Plans include social media outreach, formal training programs and informal “meet-ups” across the state to build the community of coalition supporters. The initial focus will be on the need for active education and involvement of public officials.

— Mahree Skala, LWV Representative to the Missouri Sunshine Coalition



Upcoming League Events!



JUNE 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Lunch & Learn Nikki McGruder Noon - 1p.m. Zoom	10	11	12	13
14	15 Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	JULY 1	2	3	4

LWV Officers:

President: Marilyn McLeod
(445-3500)
1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (424-9668)
2nd VP: Diane Suhler (443-0549)
Secretary: Carol Schreiber
(657-0639)
Treasurer: Ruth Milledge
(268-9591)

Elected Directors:

Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
Kate Canterbury (214-536-1300)
Susan Clark (446-1678)
Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
Rene Powell
Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
Mahree Skala (474-2195)
Pam Springsteel (445-0642)

Appointed Director:

Dick Parker (256-4397)

Committee Chairs:

100th Anniversary: Pam Springsteel
Budget:
Census: Carol Schreiber
Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod
Clean Missouri: Sharon
Schneeberger
Education: Open
Energy & Climate: Dick Parker
ERA: Teri Miller
Fundraising: Pam Springsteel
Health: Mahree Skala
Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
Membership: Meredith Donaldson
Mental Health: Mahree Skala
Speakers Bureau: Open
Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwvcbc.org
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National: lwv.org

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Member News

We currently have 182 members.

Welcome to new members:

Emile Pherigo

Linda Smith

2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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.)





League of Women Voters

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Emily Marshall, 1934(University Archives, C:8/18/8)

The Girl's Rifle Team, established in 1921, was one of the first organized in the U.S. During the 1924 competition the MU team, which practiced under the eaves of Jesse Hall attic, was undefeated. During the 1930's interest was high among coeds; an annual intramural sorority competition was held in addition to the intercollegiate competitions. Emily P. Marshall was lauded as the Best Rifle Shot of 1933-34 with a perfect score of 1,000 out of 1,000; in one competition she scored twenty-three consecutive bull's eyes. See more about the history of women at MU on page 5.