



The Voter

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

ANNUAL LEAGUE PICNIC SEPT. 9, 5:00 P.M. BETHEL PARK, FICKLIN SHELTER



Our League will celebrate the return of our members and welcome prospective members at our annual picnic.

This year, it will be held a little later --on Tuesday, September 9 -- trying to avoid the worst of summer heat -- in the late afternoon, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be in a new location also -- at the Ficklin Shelter at Bethel Park (also called Cosmo-Bethel Park). The park is located on Bethel Street on the south side of Columbia, behind Rock Bridge High School. The entrance to get to the shelter is on Bethel Street.

The picnic is a great time to learn what our committees are planning for the fall, to re-

connect with other League members and to introduce potential members to what the League is about. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for committee(s).

Bring a friend, neighbor or colleague to the picnic and introduce them to the League!

We will provide sub sandwiches, drinks and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We hope to see you there!

-- Marilyn McLeod, Co-President

THE STATE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN MISSOURI AND BEYOND



In the words of the Supreme Court, the right to vote is preservative of all other rights. The voting booth is the one place where all are presumed equal. But is this basic right safe? At this program in recognition of Constitution Day, special guest speaker Denise Lieberman will share what is happening at the state and national level that has an impact on this basic right.

The Advancement Project's Voter Protection Program works to identify and remove systemic barriers to voting. Denise Lieberman is a constitutional and civil rights lawyer who works on the ground in Missouri in addition to advancing broad voter protection initiatives nationwide. She has emerged as a nationwide expert on voter identification laws, has frequently testified before legislative bodies in Missouri and other states, and works closely with election officials and community groups to advance

administrative and legal reforms in election administration.

This program is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County and the American Association of University Women-Columbia Chapter.

The program is free and open to the public.

-- Marilyn McLeod, Co-President

Featuring Guest Speaker: **Denise Lieberman**
Senior Attorney, Advancement Project's Voter Protection Program
Date: Wednesday, **September 24, 2014** at **7:00 p.m.** (refreshments at 6:30 p.m.)
Location: County Commission Chambers,
Boone County Government Center

AUGUST BOARD REPORT

Twelve board members were present at the August Board Meeting. The Board heard updates on September events: picnic plans; Lunch and Learn; Voter Rights forum update; and voter registration at Columbia College and MU.

The Board was updated on the LWVMO Fall Conference for November 15 in Sedalia. Details will be sent out soon by the state League. Our local League will provide free registration for at least six members to the Fall Conference.

A request was made by LWVMO to have a representative from each League to be part of the committee to plan the May 2nd and 3rd State Conference to be held at the Lake of the Ozarks. Joni O'Connor volunteered to be our representative.

The Board received a nomination for our Outstanding Citizen Award. Nominations are open until September 15. Please, send your nominations to lwvcbc@gmail.com.

Many League members contributed to the \$10,000 fund raiser required to pay for Virginia Minor's statue for the Hall of Famous Missourians and we have been invited to attend the dedication. Ava Fajen and Joni O'Connor

will represent our local League at the ceremony on September 10th.

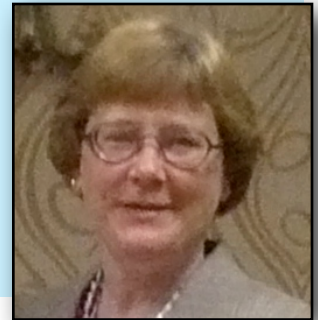
The Board approved:

- A fall fund raising campaign called \$95 for 95 Years to celebrate our 95th Anniversary this December. Details will be announced in the October Voter.
- Co-sponsorship of the local Global Climate Change March scheduled for September 21 and approved \$25 to help pay for fliers.
- Ed Fund request for the January 22nd Energy Matters Forum on the Columbia energy rating system for homes.

Thanks to Rachel Brekhus for taking our minutes, to Mahree Skala for bringing still-warm brownies to the meeting, and to Ava Fajen for designing the logo for our new fund raising campaign! Our next Board Meeting will be on September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church.

Members are welcome to attend.

Carol Schreiber
Co-President



JOIN US FOR "LUNCH AND LEARN" SEPT 17 – "WHAT WILL THE US LOOK LIKE IN 2050?"



Our LWV will kick off a monthly meeting called "Lunch and Learn" on Wednesday, September 17th from noon to 1 p.m. We will have our program in the community room at the south Hy-Vee (corner of Providence and Grindstone).

The subject of our first meeting will be "What will the US Look Like in 2050?" We learned a lot from a speaker at the LWVUS Convention and we want to share some of the key information (on slides) and discuss the impact. These slides are so dramatic that truly a picture will be worth a thousand words!

You can purchase food from the Hy-Vee deli department and have lunch while you learn. To get to the meeting room, enter the door closest to Providence Road and immediately turn left (before you enter the actual store) and use the stairs or elevator.

Try something new and enjoy spending time with your LWV friends, too!

-- Carol Schreiber, Co-President

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 gave their time, talent and treasure to the LWV. Each month we are recognizing 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 10, 2014. For September we recognize:

- Columbia Entertainment Company for hosting our annual fundraiser.
- Paul Pepper for including the LWV in his KBIA program.
- Andy Waters and Dr. Randy Picht for being on our CAT TV show on The Future of Newspapers in September 2013. And we thank Dr. Picht for being our fill-in moderator on our CAT TV shows.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

NAMES FOR OUTSTANDING CITIZEN NEEDED BY SEPT 15

Each year we recognize a member of the Columbia/Boone County community as Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The LWV Board is looking for an individual who has had significant impact on individuals, groups or this area as a volunteer or part of their job. Some people are well known and others are not. If you know such an individual, please nominate them for this honor. Previous recipients have included Dr. Anne Deaton, Dr. Lucille Salerno, and Judge Ann Covington.

Nominations are due by Sept 15th. Provide: Name, Contact information, Description of activities and qualifications. Include your name and contact information. Please send your nominations to lwvcbc@gmail.com or mail to: Marilyn McLeod, 2307 Ridgefield Road, Columbia 65203.

SEPT. 10: CELEBRATE THE ADDITION OF VIRGINIA MINOR TO THE HALL OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS



Virginia Minor, 1824-1894

Virginia Minor will be inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians on Sept. 10, 2014. You are encouraged to attend the ceremony, to be held in the House Chamber, on the Third Floor of the State Capitol at 9:00 a.m. The unveiling of the bust, designed by Missouri sculptor Cynthia Hitschler, will be followed by a reception. This will be a busy day at the Capitol, as the Legislative Veto Session also begins.

Virginia Minor led the fight for women's suffrage in Missouri. She was a co-founder and the first president of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Missouri. In 1872, she led hundreds of women in an effort to get women the right to vote under the 14th Amendment. She attempted to register to vote in St. Louis, but was refused. With her husband as her lawyer, she filed suit in the Missouri state courts. The case, *Minor v. Happersett*, went all the way to the Supreme Court which agreed with the lower courts that women were not covered by the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal citizenship for all

Americans. Not until 1971, nearly 100 years later, did the Court finally apply the 14th Amendment to women. Minor studied law and continued her work for women's suffrage until her death in 1894.

After Virginia Minor was successfully nominated, by public vote, to be added to the Hall of Famous Missourians at the Capitol, the funds to pay for the sculpture had to come from private sources. A successful campaign called 1000 Strong (\$10 X 1,000) has now raised the required \$10,000. Minor will be only the eighth woman to be honored in this way in Missouri.



Upcoming League Events!



SEPTEMBER 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	SEPT 1	2	3	4	5 Civil Liberties Comm. 2 p.m. Grindstone HyVee Cafeteria	6
7	8	9 Columbia College Fair 11a.m.-1p.m. LWV Annual Picnic 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bethel Park Ficklin Shelter	10 MU Volunteer Fair 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Induction of Virginia Minor 9 a.m. Capitol CAT TV: Voting 7 p.m.		12	13
14	15 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	16	17 Lunch & Learn: Future United States Demographics Noon-1:00 p.m. Grindstone HyVee Mtg Rm	18	19	20
21 Global Climate Change March	22 LWV Board Mtg 6:30 pm Broadway Christian Church	23	24 Civil Liberties Program on Voting Issues 7:00 p.m. BoCo Govt Ctr	25	26	27
28	29 Health Comm. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Library Room A	30	OCT 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Council on Aging Lifestyle Festival	11
12	13	14	15 Lunch & Learn 12-1 HyVee Mtg Rm	16	17	18 CAT TV Special Show
19	20 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	21 Candidate Issue Forum Library 6:30	22	23 Ballot Issue Forum Library 6:30	24	25
26	27 LWV Board Mtg 6:30 pm	28	29	30		

LWV Officers:

Co-Presidents:

Marilyn McLeod (445-3500) and
Carol Schreiber (657-1467)

1st VP: Liz Schmidt (445-0655)

2nd VP: Ava Fajen (424-6683)

Secretary: Marcia Walker
(443-8666)Treasurer: David Leuthold
(449-1358)**Elected Directors:**

Rachel Brekhus (875-4295)

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Mahree Skala (474-2195)

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Jan Swaney (864-0435)

Shirley Troth (443-7033)

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Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)

Dick Parker (256-4397)

Diane Suhler (443-0549)

Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

Committee Chairs:

Budget: Shirley Troth

Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod

Education: Peggy Placier

Energy Matters: Dick Parker

Fundraising: Win Colwill

Health: Jan Swaney &

Mahree Skala

Hospitality: Pam Springsteel

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Mental Health: Lael Von Holt

Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Board Meetings are held on the
4th Monday of the month at
Broadway Christian Church. All
members are welcome to attend.

Websites:

Local: lwvcbc.org

State: lwvmissouri.org

**Membership Application**

You can now pay your 2015 dues.

Please send your dues to Membership
Chair, League of Women Voters, P.O.
Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205. Thanks
to all LWV members for renewing your
membership promptly!

Dues are \$55 for individuals, \$80 for a
household and \$25 for local students. Individual and
household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and
national (LWVUS) membership.

Name _____

Email Address _____

Street _____

City _____

State and Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

I am particularly interested in _____.

I would like to receive my Voter by email _____

(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should

Member News:

The League welcomes new members **Terry and Judy Ganey.**

League Participates in College Fairs

The LWVCBC will participate in student volunteer fairs at
Columbia College and MU. We will collaborate with Boone
County Clerk Wendy Noren's office to register voters at the fairs
and also recruit volunteers to be trained to register their peers.

We need volunteers at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11-1:00.** Bass Commons (1001
Rogers St.) at Columbia College (rain location –
Southwell Gym)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m..** Lowry Mall (in
front of Ellis Library) at MU (rain location – Student
Center)

If you can help, please contact Peggy Placier at
pplacier@socket.net. If you cannot come but want to
contribute, students are attracted to treats such as candy,
cookies, or cupcakes (wrapped, please) or little prizes. Contact
Peggy if you can donate something.



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Candidate/Ballot Issue Forums set for October 21 & 23

General Election races will be the focus of our October 21st forum. These races include State Representative Districts 44 and 47; Boone County Presiding Commissioner; Boone County Recorder; Boone County Collector; and Division 5 Associate Judge.

Ballot Issues will be presented at our October 23rd forum. We will have pro and con speakers on some of the controversial issues and provide pro/con information on all of the issues. State issues include Amendment 2-For Child sexual abuse trials the law makes past criminal acts admissible; Amendment 3-Teacher tenure; Amendment 6-Six day early voting; and Amendment 10-Prohibits the Governor from estimating state revenue for budget recommendations. And two Columbia issues: property tax increase and development fees.

Both forums will be in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available at 6:00 p.m. KFRU will broadcast the forums live and David Lile will moderate the October 21st forum and Renee Hulshof will moderate the October 23rd forum. The forums are co-sponsored by the Columbia Public Library.

--Carol Schreiber, Co-President

