



The Voter

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

LWVCBC FALL KICKOFF AUGUST 26 — SAVE THE DATE!

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 11:30 am

LWV-CBC FALL KICKOFF

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

BOX LUNCHES FROM McALISTER'S DELI

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

BOONE ELECTRIC CO-OP NEW COMMUNITY ROOM

TRIVIA GAMES, DOOR PRIZES

LEARN THIS YEAR'S LWV PLANS

Stay tuned for more information!

— Pam Springsteel, Chair
Hospitality Committee

LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM UPDATE

Two changes are in store for our Lunch & Learn Program when it resumes in September:

1) The Lunch & Learn Programs will be held on the second Wednesday of the month instead of the second Tuesday. This change is based in part on the availability of the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library.

2) The second change that we are very pleased to announce is that we will be able to start hybrid Lunch & Learn Programs beginning in October. This means you can attend in person in the Friends Room or participate live on Zoom. These programs, as usual, will also be recorded for later viewing.

The first Lunch & Learn program will be Wednesday, September 13, at noon on Zoom

only. Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon will update us on "Voting in Boone County and Missouri." She will explain the ERIC system's purpose and how it works and answer any of your voting questions. Mark your calendar!

If you want to watch any previous programs, you can find them on our website, lwvcbc.org, or at dbri.org.

Thanks as always to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library for co-sponsoring these programs.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair
Lunch & Learn Committee

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer, with all its glorious growth and outdoor enjoyment, is a relatively quiet time for LWV activities in a year without major elections. That gives us time to reflect and plan for the future. On June 6, the LWVCBC board met to identify priorities and sketch out the calendar for the rest of our program year. After a robust discussion, we identified several issues to focus on—for example:

Initiative petition process—Although no bill to restrict the right to direct democracy passed during the 2023 session, we fully expect that when the legislature reconvenes in January there will be new proposals to make the initiative petition process harder. We need to educate the public about the initiative petition process and why it's important, and help our members advocate effectively on this and other issues.

Presidential candidate selection process—Since the legislature cancelled the Missouri Presidential Primary election, each political party will be in charge of its own selection process (via caucuses or conventions). Voter education will be needed to help people understand how to participate.

Voter registration and education for students and young adults—The photo ID requirements will have a big impact on youthful voters in our community, many of whom do not have Missouri driver's licenses or non-driver IDs. Young people are increasingly motivated to vote but will need education to navigate the system. (See the article about "Paws to the Polls" on page three).

Disinformation—the spread of incorrect, misleading, and downright untruthful information is a real threat to our goal of informed voters. We will build on LWV's reputation as a trusted source and develop new ways to get factual information "out there."

The board also expressed the desire to enhance collaboration with other organizations devoted to specific issues like reproductive health, gun sense, and voter registration. LWV has a lot of policy positions, and it only makes sense to combine forces where we can.

We identified several action steps that will call for member involvement. Please stay tuned and stand ready to volunteer as plans evolve. Meanwhile, stay cool and enjoy a wonderful July.

— Mahree Skala
President, LWVCBC
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SUMMER/FALL VOTER REGISTRATION

Although the Boone County Clerk's website (www.showmeboone.com/clerk) shows it will be a while until the next election, our efforts to register voters or provide voter information are ongoing.

We will participate in the Voluntary Action Center's Annual Back to School event on Saturday, July 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Derby Ridge Elementary School. We are also gearing up for National Voter Registration Day on

September 19, and plan to be on all three college campuses that day and at the public library.

Stay tuned for an opportunity to volunteer with Voter Registration at these annual events.

In the meantime, if you have ideas for events where the LWVCBC can register voters, please email me (linda.k.smith1954@gmail.com) or send a text/give me a call at 817-937-1362.

— Linda Smith, Chair
Voter Registration Committee

LUELLA ST. CLAIR MOSS UPDATE

Luella St. Clair Moss's 158th birthday was June 25. To commemorate her birthday, Meredith Donaldson, Kathryn Allen, and Pam Springsteel arranged this photo and created the paper shown in the picture. It reads: *Happy Birthday Luella, June 25, 1865 - August 18, 1947.*

Luella St. Clair Moss was prominent in the fields of education, women's suffrage, and politics on the local, state, and national level. We honor you as a leader among women!

Luella is buried at our Columbia Cemetery, next to her nine-year-old daughter, Anna Lee, and her husband, Franklin Moss.

Our League continues to celebrate the life of educator and suffragist Luella St. Clair Moss and encourage the school board to name a school for her. Kip Kendrick, Boone County Presiding Commissioner, told Pam he plans to send out this photo with his endorsement of Luella's name on the next public school!

— Pam Springsteel, Chair
Luella Committee



“PAWS TO THE POLLS” RECEIVES AWARD AT LWVMO CONVENTION

From the *Missouri Voter*:

The Harriett Woods Award for Exemplary Community Service went to Dr. Suzanne Walker-Pacheco for the MSU Paws to the Polls program. An anthropology professor, Dr. Walker-Pacheco mentors a group of Missouri State University students working to promote voting. The nonpartisan program refers to the MSU mascot, the Bears, and raised student voting by increasing voter knowledge, voter engagement, and civic commitment. Tactics include student-led modules in Freshman Foundation classes. Dr. Walker-Pacheco offered to help other local

Leagues do similar work and provided samples of materials they use. She shared that her mother was a League member who took her to her first League meeting when she was eight months old!

LWVCBC is planning to work with partners on Columbia campuses to develop similar programs here. For more information, see <https://www.missouristate.edu/ADP/paws-to-the-polls.htm>.

If you're interested in helping with this effort, contact Mahree Skala or Barbara Hoppe.



Upcoming League Events!



| JULY 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | JULY 1 |
| 2 | 3 Social Media Committee 11:15 am | 4 | 5 | 6 Lunch & Learn Committee 2:30pm Zoom | 7 Education Committee 3pm Library Room C | 8 |
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| 16 | 17 Social Media Committee 11:15 am LWVCBC Board Meeting 5:30pm Zoom | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Voter Registration at VAC Back to School Event |
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MEMBER NEWS**Member Transfer:**

Sharon Curry has transferred to
LWV of Johnson County, Kansas

We now have 227 members.

In Memoriam:

Member Joann Vest

2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM**League of Women Voters Columbia-Boone County****COME AND JOIN US!**

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First Time Member _____ Renewal _____

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<http://lwvcbc.org>

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Join us! The LWVCBC Education Committee is committed to helping new voters find their voices in the democratic process. Throughout the 2023-24 school year, we will build on our partnerships with local public high schools to register new young voters, help young voters create a plan and feel prepared to vote, nurture an environment that views voting as important, and make it all fun!

We need LWV members to help us with both in-person and web-based outreach activities. To find out more, please contact Ene-Kaja Chippendale at enec@focusonlearningcenter.com

All are welcome to attend our next meeting on Friday, July 7, at 3 pm at the public library, Room C.

— Linda Headrick
Education Committee

