



The Voter

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

“Bonded Justice, Race, Class, Gender and Suffrage” Program on October 29

Professor April Langley will be our speaker for the October 29 program called “Bonded Justice, Race, Class, Gender and Suffrage.” Her presentation will focus on the role of women of color in the struggle for suffrage.

Professor Langley is chair of Black Studies at the University of Missouri and an Associate Professor of English.

The program will be at the Columbia Public Library on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the LWVCBC, NAACP and the Columbia Public Library.

Spotlight on the 2020 Census

The **Lunch & Learn topic for Tuesday, October 15** is “The Census – Past and Present: Information and Issues.” The U. S. Constitution requires a census of the people every ten years. The L&L noon-time program will address the importance of the data collected and the how critical accurate information is to determine federal funding and legislative districts. Our speakers will be Bill Elder and John Blodgett formerly from the Office of Social, Economic and Economic Data Analysis (OSED) at the University of Missouri for the Missouri State Census Data Center. Feel free to bring a lunch and join us from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library.

The **Missouri Complete Count Committee** will hold a meeting on September 30 to plan statewide messaging and hard to count communities. The Committee is developing action items for the Census campaign. LWVCBC member Sharon Schneeberger is planning on attending the meeting and will have a report in the November *Voter*. **Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon** will be forming “community-based census committees” to address hard-to-reach areas. She will provide public notices on opportunities to volunteer for these committees.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING REPORT

The LWVCBC Board met on September 16, 2019 at the U.U. Church in Columbia. A very busy agenda! We confirmed that donations made recognizing the 100th Anniversary should be put in that budget category so we can offset expenses with those donations. This was anticipated, as most of our events this year will be paid for by this fund.

Meredith Donaldson, membership chair, reported that we have increased our members overall, but that number includes members who have yet to renew.

The board voted to make a financial contribution to the Boone County History and Culture Center to thank them for their generous support for the year-long exhibit on the suffrage movement, for offering the great location for our August 25 event, and for providing a place to highlight some of our organization's history and ongoing work.

Other issues dealt with by the Board were: **100th Anniversary Celebration.** We will put ads in the *Tribune* and *Missourian* to invite the community to celebrate with the LWV at our December 7th event.

ERA Committee Update – Sharon reported that we had a good turnout for the meeting on September 13. We need to remind people that ERA has not passed and is not in the Constitution. (See related article on page 4.)

School Naming update – Pam reported that we submitted the name of Luella St. Clair Moss for the new middle school, along with supporting information. There is a committee that will be reviewing suggested names and the school board will decide the final name at a meeting in October, although we shouldn't be surprised if it is called Sinclair School.

Medicaid Expansion and Meeting – Meredith and Pam attended the Child and Family Health Retreat. The reports in the newspapers were confirmed that there has been a 17% decrease since 2006 in those accessing Medicaid. There is a Medicaid Expansion ballot initiative now being circulated for signatures. The LWVMO Board will need to vote to support this effort, before local Leagues begin advocacy for this issue.

Climate Walk on September 7 – Susan Clark, Marilyn McLeod and Barbara Hoppe were there for voter registration. Dick Parker spoke at the event and around 150 people attended.

Call for nominations for Liz Schmidt Community Service Award and/or Outstanding Citizen Award – the deadline is Oct. 18. The Board will select the award winner at the Oct. Board Meeting. (See related article on page 3)

Annual Legislator Meeting – In an effort to encourage all our local legislators to participate, a committee including Elaine Blodgett, Sharon Schneeberger and Diane Suhler are working on changing the old "Legislative Night" by moving the location, changing the title ("Meet your Legislator") and changing the format.

Women's March Planning Meeting – Kate Canterbury reported that she is participating in the meetings for the next march and the LWV will consider sponsorship after more details are available.

Notice how busy we seem? We couldn't do all that we do without the contribution of time and talent of our members.

Special thanks to Carol Schreiber for stepping in as editor this month!

--Marilyn McLeod, Marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com

Re-districting — Fair Districts

I attended presentations by Sheldon H. Jacobson about *Creating a Transparent Environment for Political Redistricting* on September 13. Dr. Sheldon is a professor of Computer Science and a mathematician from the University of Illinois. He and his co-workers have designed a metric model to define and design fair maps. In the interest of our democracy, they do this without charging a fee. See their web address here - <http://redistricting.cs.illinois.edu/#intro>

After creating a graph of the state using census data blocks and defining the goals, e.g., compactness, population balance, efficiency gaps, competitiveness, partisan symmetry, etc. for establishing districts, they create multiple district maps. He stated that defining fair maps may not only be extremely difficult, but also, simply unrealistic.

So, what can citizens do to ensure the outcome of redistricting is as fair as possible? Dr. Sheldon is challenging citizens to establish a PACT.

P-People over politics in carrying out the redistricting process.

A-Accountability of those involved in making the maps.

C-Compromise in making decisions about the goals.

T-Transparency in each step of the process.

As the 2020 census is counted and re-districting goes forward, you will continue to hear more about this issue.

--Sharon Schneeberger, sharon@schneeberger.net

Call for Nominations for the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award and the Outstanding Citizen Award

The LWVCBC annually presents the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award and/or the Outstanding Citizen Award. We established the Schmidt Award to honor our long-time member and amazing volunteer Liz Schmidt to be given to a deserving individual or group making a difference in the lives of Columbia-Boone County. If you have a nomination for either award, please include a description of the work being done by the nominee (organization or individual), the award the nomination is for, and include your contact information. The nominations are due by Friday, October 18. Please email your nomination to lwvcbc@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205. The award(s) will be presented at the December 7 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Last year the Community Service Award was given to the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition. In 2017 we gave the Community Service Award to Room at the Inn and the Outstanding Citizen Award to Wendy Noren.

--Carol Schreiber, carolschrei@gmail.com

E.R.A. UPDATE

Representatives of local civic groups as well as individuals and interested LWV members attended a collaborative Equal Rights Amendment meeting hosted by LWV-CBC at the Columbia Public Library on Friday, September 13th. The purpose of the meeting was to create alliances, educate, and devise means to provide local education and advocating on the E.R.A.

There was much collaborative discussion and contribution of great ideas on how to best educate and advocate to move this forward to ratification. We, as the SHOW ME state, would be the last required state to ratify and move the ERA to be the 28th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which would guarantee equal rights for men and women. The Equal Rights Amendment is nonpartisan. Here is the complete text:

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Participants at the meeting were encouraged to reach out to legislators. The bill will be introduced again in the upcoming Missouri legislative session which begins in January. We expect it will be sent to the Senate Rules and Ethics Committee. If you, as a League member, wish to communicate with the E.R.A. Committee to receive information about that Senate Committee or about the LWV committee, please contact Teri Miller, chairperson.

We are just in the beginning stages of this process and you are invited to join in when events or activities occur locally.

--Teri Miller, tstm49@gmail.com

Welcome to our new LWV members:

Linda "Jo" Turner, Bonnie Margolis, Ann Cranor, Suzanne Bagby,
Linda Headrick, Marci McGuire and Zainab Jasim

100th Anniversary Upcoming Activities

We celebrated the **99th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment** (August 26) at the Boone County History Center on Sunday, August 25, from 2 -4 p.m. About 60-70 people, both members and non-members, attended this very successful event. We had the opportunity to view the suffrage exhibit "She Got the Vote" (which will continue until August 2020). Although it didn't get there in time for our event, the official pen used by Governor Gardner to sign Missouri's ratification is now available to view as part of the exhibit. Upcoming events are:

October 10, 5 pm, Stephens College, Lela Raney Wood Hall, mezzanine, costume gallery museum reception for exhibit: **Suffrage: What's Fashion Got to do with it?**

On Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m. program (6:30 p.m., refreshments) **April Langley, chair, Black Studies-MU & Associate Professor of English will speak on "Bonded Justice, Race, Class, Gender, and Suffrage" the role of women of color in the suffrage movement.** The Columbia Library and the NAACP are cosponsors.

November 24, Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Columbia's Holiday Parade. Three of our members will be riding in costume in Todd Crawford's Model T Ford. Other members can walk the 10 blocks from Broadway. Contact Pam Springsteel <pspring@socket.net> if you wish to ride or walk in the parade. Encourage your daughters or granddaughters to join in! (Men and boys are welcome too!)

December 7, Sunday 2-4 p.m. Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia, Broadway Christian Church, 2-4 pm. Invitations will be mailed to members, friends, the mayor, city council, and members of the Boone County Commission. Entertainment will be provided by about 25 Mothersingers. The Liz Schmidt Community Service Award will be presented. Proclamations naming this week as LWV month will be presented by the County Presiding Commissioner and the Mayor. Refreshments will be served.

December 11, Wednesday Happy Hour event at Dog Master Brewery celebrating the exact date of the Centennial of the Founding of the LWV- Columbia. This will be a Facebook event. Invitations will also be mailed. We hope to attract younger members. The brewery owner has promised to name a special cocktail in honor of the celebration. No cost for use of venue.

Ragtag Cinema- Films and show dates have been selected. Mark your calendar:

Nov. 19 – *Suffragettes and the Silent Cinema*: "A Lively Affair" (1912); "A Busy Day" (1914) and "What do 80 Million Women Really Want" (1913)

April 7 – *Suffragette* and **June 2, 2020** – *The Year of the Woman*

"Suffrage: What's Fashion got to do with it?" Stephens College Costume Museum, weekends 12-3 pm - open to public, mezzanine of Lela Raney Wood Hall. Now through December 13. Although this is not a League event, we know our members will want to visit this exhibit.

--Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net

Upcoming League Events – Mark Your Calendar!

October

- **8** – LWV on **Paul Pepper**, KBIA at 8:50 a.m.
- **10** - **Costume Gallery Museum Reception** for exhibit: **Suffrage: What's Fashion Got to do with it?** **Stephens College**, **Lela Raney Wood Hall**, **mezzanine**, at **5 p.m.**
- **15** – Lunch & Learn, “**The Census – Past and Present Information and Issues**,” **Columbia Public Library** at noon
- **21** – **LWV Board Meeting**, **UU Church**, **2615 Shepherd Blvd.**, **6:30 p.m.**
- **29**- “**Bonded Justice: Race, Class, Gender, and Suffrage**,” **Columbia Public Library** at **7:00 p.m.**

November

- **5** – LWV on **Paul Pepper**, KBIA at 8:50 a.m.
- **12** – Lunch & Learn, “**Columbia Historic Preservation**,” **Columbia Public Library** at noon
- **18** – **LWV Board Meeting**, **UU Church**, **2615 Shepherd Blvd.**, **6:30 p.m.**
- **19** – **Ragtag Cinema** showing of three suffragists movie shorts and panel discussion
- **24** – **Holiday Parade** with **LWV Suffragists**, **3-5 p.m.**

December

- **7** – **100th Anniversary Celebration**, **Broadway Christian Church**, **2-4 p.m.**
- **11** – **100th Anniversary Happy Hour**, **Dogmaster Brewery**

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 spaces, and given 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 May 1, 2019. For October 2019 we recognize:

- **Susan Lutton** was our Lunch and Learn speaker on “Mid-Missouri Legal Services” on November 27, 2018
- **Dan Lester** was our guest on the CAT TV show “Refuge and Immigration Services in Columbia” on November 14, 2018
- **Mary Shaw** for portraying Luella St. Clair Moss at our Founders luncheon on November 12, 2018

LWV MEMBERSHIP – Time to Renew for 2020! (Thank you if you already have!)

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:

Kate Canterbury (214-536-1300)
Susan Clark (446-1678)
Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366)
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: open
Census: Carol Schreiber
Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod
Clean MO: 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
State: lwvmissouri.org
National: lwv.org
Facebook: League of Women Voters
– Columbia, MO

2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

The board has approved a special membership category for this centennial year for **new members 30 years of age and younger in their first year of membership of \$30.**

You can join or renew your membership on-line or use this form. Send to P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205 or join on-line at <https://lwvcbc.org/join/>

We invite you to honor our 100th Anniversary year by increasing your membership payment: Individual \$100 (regular \$65); and Household \$135 (regular \$100). This will help us cover the expenses of our wonderful Anniversary events this year and in 2020!

Membership dues are \$65 for individuals; \$100 for household; \$25 for local students, and **first year \$30 for new members 30 years of age or younger.**

Individual/Household dues includes membership in Columbia-Boone County; State (LWVMO); and National LWV (LWVUS).

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

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 Fun.)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Emma Shivler Receives LWV Scholarship

Acting LWV Education Chair Vena Long presented the Liz Schmidt Memorial Scholarship to MU Senior Emma Shivler. Emma is graduating in 2020 with a degree in Education. She learned the value of voting from her grandfather, who served as a mayor. In addition to the scholarship, she received a one-year membership in the LWV!

The LWV awarded the scholarship to a Stephens College student in 2018 and will award a Columbia College student with the scholarship in 2020. If you would like to contribute toward the scholarship fund, you can donate on-line or send a check to LWVCBC, P. O. Box 239, Columbia MO 65205.

