



The Voter

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

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25



We hope you will join your LWV friends at our Annual Meeting on Monday, April 25th at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, 1903 Business Loop East.

Our special guest speaker will be Barbra Horrell, recent recipient of the individual Columbia Diversity Award. She will speak on her experiences growing up in Columbia, being one of the first minority students attending MU, and what she experiences now in Columbia. As an MU retiree, Barbra has a unique historical perspective on recent events at MU.

We will also be presenting the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the League to Win Colwill, one of our exemplary members! (see related article)

Since this is our Annual Meeting, we will be voting on the Nominations Committee Report and the proposed budget for 2016-2017. (Copies of these documents are included in this newsletter.)

Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The buffet dinner will include meat and vegetarian options. The cost will be \$25.

Please make your reservation by April 20 with Liz Schmidt by calling 573-445-0665 or emailing her at: lizschmidt65203@gmail.com. Or you can send your check payable to LWVCBC to League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205.

We hope to see you there!

WIN COLWILL TO RECEIVE 2016 ELEANOR GOODGE AWARD

At our Annual Meeting on April 25th we will honor Win Colwill with the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the LWV.

Win has been a member of our local League since October 1, 1964. She has served at the local, state and national levels of the LWV. Win has been a tireless worker in shaping our energy and environmental policy. She worked two years with the LWVUS on national global warming and helped pass the LWVUS moratorium on coal usage in power plants.

Here are some highlights of Win's LWV service and recognition:

- Served as LWV of Columbia-Boone County President from 1979 to 1981
- Served on the local Board of Directors from 1975 – 85 and 1998 – 2014
- Served as Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee since the 1960s
- Served on the LWVMO Board of Directors 1981 – 1993, 2005-2009
- Served Off-Board of LWVMO 1998 – 2005
- Served on the LWVUS National Global Warming Policy Committee 2006 – 2008

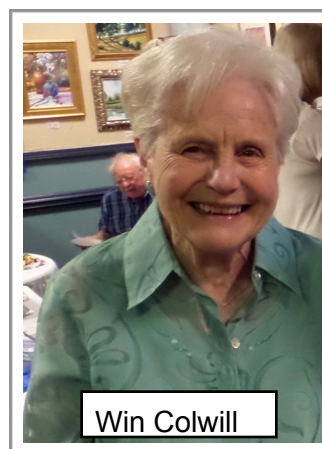
- Served as LWV Fundraising Chair from 2012 to 2015
- Won the LWVMO Harriet Wood Award in 2009
- Won the LWVMO Lenore Loeb Award in 2005

Win sent countless letters to state legislators, provided testimony at state legislative hearings, attended Water and Light Commission hearings, attended Columbia City Council meetings to address environmental issues, worked at the Earth Day Booth, and energy fairs. As a

testament to Win's tireless work Liz Schmidt said, "If Win had lived in Flint, Michigan, I KNOW Flint would have clean water today."

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting to celebrate our great appreciation of Win Colwill.

— Carol Schreiber,
Co-President



Win Colwill

MARCH BOARD REPORT

Fourteen members of the board were present for our March 28th meeting. Several very important decisions were made:

- Win Colwill was chosen as the 2016 winner of the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the LWV (see article in this *Voter*).
- Our local League will run the MU Grad Students election to determine interest in forming a union (see article in this *Voter*). The LWV will receive a payment for our services.
- Set the Annual Meeting cost for dinner at \$25, which will be a vegetarian lasagna and chicken dish buffet.
- Approved the budget and nominating committee report (included in this *Voter*).
- Approved two delegates to attend the LWVUS Convention in June: Peggy Placier and Ava Fajen.

Board members who signed up to attend the April 30th LWVMO Spring Conference are: Joni O'Connor, Ava Fajen, Lael Von Holt, Mahree Skala, Marcia Walker, Dick Parker, Marilyn McLeod, Peggy Placier and Carol Schreiber. We encourage all of our members to attend since the conference will be in Columbia at Boone Electric's Meeting Room (you should

have received information from LWVMO for the conference). Columbia members will be hosting this conference by providing breakfast treats and drinks as well as registration and other meeting duties.

The Board also heard updates on upcoming events including the Fundraising Play "The Music Man" on June 8. This was the last Board Meeting for this Board of Directors. Marcia Walker will be leaving the Board and we all thank her for her great service as our Secretary for the past three years. Thanks, Marcia!

—Carol Schreiber and Peggy Placier
Co-Presidents



NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUBMITS SLATE FOR 2016

The LWVCBC Nominating Committee of Linda Brown, Marie Scruggs, and Sarah Wolcott, joined by Board members Pam Springsteel and Joni O'Connor, is proposing the following slate of officers and members for the members' consideration at the Annual Meeting on April 25. Diane Suhler, the nominee for Co-President, has applied for a grant for 2016-17, and asked that we not confirm her candidacy until she hears the final word on the grant.

Officers

Co-President: Diane Suhler, still waiting for confirmation

Secretary (1 yr., to complete Marcia Walker term): Carol Schreiber

Treasurer: David Leuthold

First VP: Sharon Schneeberger

Second VP: Ava Fajen

Board Members

Renewing:

Sharon Schneeberger

Mahree Skala

Diane Suhler

David Leuthold

New:

Meredith Donaldson, to replace Marcia Walker

Nominating Committee 2017:

Win Colwill, Chair

Marcia Walker

Lucille Salerno

APRIL 13: HEROIN, METH AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG EPIDEMICS

The April 13th CAT TV show will look at the epidemics of heroin, prescription drugs and meth. Dr. Luke Buffaloe from MU Health and Jared Torbet, a Phoenix licensed counselor, will be on our panel. We also hope to have a representative from law enforcement. Jim Robertson, Managing Editor of the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, will moderate the show.

www.columbiaaccess.tv. The show replays on CAT TV at 7:00 a.m. on Tues, Thurs and Sat and 7:30 p.m. on Mon, Wed, Fri and Sun. CAT TV can be found on Mediacom Channel 85, Charter Communications 983, and CenturyTel Prism 98.



— Carol Schreiber, Co-President

The show airs live at 7:00 p.m. on April 13. The program will be available on our website or at

APRIL 19 LUNCH & LEARN: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ZONE

The April 19 Lunch & Learn program will feature the Rev. Lorenzo Lawson and the Youth Empowerment Zone. YEZ serves at-risk youth in Boone County, those who face environmental, social and family conditions that hinder their personal development and successful integration into society as productive citizens. YEZ helps with the transition into adulthood through a variety of

programs, and takes a holistic approach to meet each individual where he or she is and helps them develop. The Rev. Lorenzo Lawson was one of the founding leaders of YEZ in 2004 and has been working with youth in Columbia ever since.



— Mahree Skala

STATE LEAGUE SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 30 IN COLUMBIA

The LWVMO will be providing a Spring Conference for members from around the state on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. here in Columbia at the Boone Electric Building on Rangeline St.

can provide an effective campaign to defeat it as it will prevent thousands of people from voting.



There will be several interesting sessions that day, including one on the state of politics today and one on health research. There will be a very important workshop on the proposed voter photo ID law that is expected to be on the ballot this fall and how we

You should have received an email about the Conference already, and the latest issue of the March/April *Missouri Voter* also has information. We hope you will plan to attend, especially since it is taking place in Columbia!

— Marilyn McLeod



Jan Mees, Joseph Toepke, Sarah Dubbert, James Whitt, and Paul Rainsberger, CPS School Board Candidates, spoke at our March 21 Candidate Forum at the Columbia Public Library.

LWV-CBC BUDGETS AND ACTUAL EXPENSES FY 2015, AND FY 2016 TO DATE

	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Budget	2014-15 actual	FY 2016 to date	Proposed FY 2017 Budget
Income					
LWVMO Education Fund	2,000	2,300	3,890	1,516	2,300
Member contribution	300	2,000	2,479	1,250	664
Member dues	7,700	7,000	7,035	6,800	7,775
Misc. income	1,400	0	45	100	100
Other contributions	300	100	130	25	100
Other income			85	0	25
Other income (net from play)	1,500	1,500	3,687	0	3,700
From savings	730	2,720		0	1,628
	13,930	15,620	17,351	9,691	16,292
Expenses					
LWVMO Education Fund	500	2,300	3,837	1,516	2,300
Advertising	800	1,600	1,047	277	500
Board	100	100	0	0	100
Bulletin	2,000	2,000	1,907	1,274	2,000
LWVMO Dues (\$15-\$20)	2,240	2,320	2,175	1,980	2,350
LWVUS dues (\$31-33)	4,340	4,500	4,495	4,224	4,142
Meetings lunch-Irn, Fndrs	300	500	687	278	500
Membership	150	150	361	50	150
Miscellaneous	200	200	244	712	200
Natl convention	2,000	1,000	0	0	1,500
Post office	600	650	498	630	650
State convention, council	200	200	600	140	600
Voter service (CATV)	500	100	1,100	797	1,300
	13,930	15,620	16,951	11,878	16,292

\$742 miscellaneous expenses includes \$365 from members in memory of Maydell Senn that passed through the treasury, plus \$200 chapter support

Explanation of Proposed 2016-17 Budget: The first two columns show the budgets adopted for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 years. The third and fourth columns show actual income and expenditures in those years, with the fourth column reflecting what has occurred so far this fiscal year, which ends June 30. The fifth column is the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. We expect to have additional income from the June fund-raiser and will not need to take money from savings to cover this year's expenditures.

The National LWV has raised the dues it charges per member by \$1 to \$33 per year, and Missouri LWV is raising its charge \$5 per member to a total of \$20. These dues are paid from the dues our local members pay. To cover these costs, the LWV-CBC has decided to raise its dues from \$55 to \$65, and the household dues from \$80 to \$100.

The proposed budget is based on those figures, and on an estimate that our local League paid membership, which was 141 in 2014-15 and is 138 in 2015-16 will be 130 in 2016-17. However the amount we will pay to state and national will be based on the 138 members we have this year (89 individual, 24 dual person household and 1 student).

Many members have also been generous in making additional contributions beyond their dues, especially in response to the "\$95 in our 95th year" campaign in 2014-15. We estimate that the amount of those extra contributions will drop 25 percent below this year, with the increase in dues on the local level.

CRADLE TO CAREER ALLIANCE: MARCH LUNCH & LEARN REPORT

Our March 15 Lunch and Learn speaker was Dr. Pamela Conway, Executive Director of the Cradle to Career Alliance (CCA). This relatively new nonprofit agency is designed to facilitate collaboration among multiple agencies serving children to reduce disparities in outcomes for Boone County children. Rather than providing direct services to children and families, Dr. Conway explained, CCA attempts to promote aligning around common goals, monitoring progress toward those goals, collecting data, and advocating for improvement. This model is called a “collaborative action network.” The network includes all Boone County school districts as well as many other agencies and providers, public and private.

As the name implies, Cradle to Career looks at outcomes from preschool through college/career. Dr. Conway used Kindergarten Readiness as an example of how the process works. While more children are attending preschools, the quality of preschools is uneven and they are not all working toward the same ends. CCA supports developing a common definition of kindergarten readiness – called “One Voice Boone County” – to guide preschool providers. Another hope is to offer all providers information about services and resources available to assist preschoolers, including access to state-approved preschool curricula.

In CCA discussions so far a consensus is emerging that the most important kindergarten readiness skill is self-regulation. This skill is especially lacking among children growing up in high stress environments. Childcare staff need more training in dealing with the symptoms of childhood trauma, using socio-dramatic play, implementing brain-informed practices, and facilitating parent communication processes.

Eventually, a common readiness assessment measure in Boone County will allow CCA to evaluate if children are becoming better prepared for kindergarten. Current estimates are that 60% of Boone County children come to kindergarten ready to learn and thrive. The goal is to increase that by 8% over the next 5 years.

CCA’s board of directors represents a “who’s who” of leaders from education, social services, government, and business. They hope to raise funds to support CCA’s mission. They will also advocate for changes in state funding and policy that will better support efforts to improve children’s outcomes in Boone County and throughout Missouri. To find out more, see the Cradle to Career Alliance website at <http://www.cradletocareeralliance.org/>

— Peggy Placier, Co-President

TRIB TALKS: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COLUMBIA

The *Columbia Daily Tribune*, as part of a learning exchange with the Kettering Foundation, has been hosting a series of events called Trib Talks. Several LWV members have

been participating in these community meetings, under the leadership of Peggy Placier. To learn more, visit <https://storify.com/AliciaStice/trib-talks-what-people-are-saying-about-columbia-s>

LWV TO RUN MU GRADUATE STUDENTS UNION ELECTION

We have been asked to act as an impartial entity to run the MU Graduate Students election on whether to unionize. The vote will be non-binding, but will be used to let the MU administration know how grad students stand on this issue. 2700 graduate students are eligible to vote on Monday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 19. The two polling stations on campus will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. After the polls close on Tuesday the LWV representatives will count the votes. The process will be similar to what we did on the

Columbia teachers vote a few years ago on which association should represent them in collective bargaining. The LWV will be paid for this project!

We will need volunteers to work at the two polling locations. There will be four two-hour shifts and one three-hour shift each day. If you are interested in working the polls for one shift for one or two days, please email Carol Schreiber at carolschrei@gmail.com or Peggy Placier at pplacier@centurylink.net.

— Carol Schreiber, Co-President



Upcoming League Events!



APRIL 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 LWV Board Mtg Broadway Christian Church 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31	APRIL 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 CAT TV Drug Epidemics 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m. MU Grad Student Vote	19 Lunch & Learn Youth Empowerment Zone South HyVee Mtg Room, Noon MU Grad Student Vote	20	21	22	23
24	25 Annual Meeting Jacks Restaurant Socialize 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6:00 p.m.	26	27	28	28	30 LWVMO Spring Conference Boone Electric Bldg.
MAY 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 CAT TV 7:00 p.m.	12 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	13	14
15	16	17 Lunch & Learn South HyVee Mtg Room, Noon	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

LWV Officers:

Co-Presidents:
 Carol Schreiber (657-1467)
 and Peggy Placier (442-2996)
 1st VP: Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)
 2nd VP: Ava Fajen (424-6683)
 Secretary: Marcia Walker
 (443-8666)
 Treasurer: David Leuthold
 (449-1358)

Elected Directors:

Rachel Brekhus (875-4295)
 Joni O'Connor (234-1012)
 Barbara Hoppe (443-5107)
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)
 Shirley Troth (443-7033)

Appointed Directors:

Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
 Dick Parker (256-4397)
 Liz Schmidt (445-0655)
 Diane Suhler (443-0549)
 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

Committee Chairs:

Budget: Shirley Troth
 Civil Liberties: Open position
 Education: Open position
 Energy Matters: Dick Parker
 Fundraising Co-Chairs:
 Liz Schmidt & Pam Springsteel
 Health: Mahree Skala
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Membership: Liz Schmidt
 Mental Health: Lael Von Holt
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Board Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month at Broadway Christian Church. All members are welcome to attend.

Local Website: lwvcbc.org
 State: lwvmissouri.org
 National: lwv.org
 Local Voter Information Portal:
lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
 Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LEAGUE!



As you know, 2016 will be a busy election year!! We will have forums for the city council, hospital, school board, county, state and national elections (and primaries), plus our educational forums on a wide array of important topics. Thanks for your support!

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.

Send to PO Box 239, Columbia, MO. 65205

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 be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)

LWV TURBOVOTE NOW ACTIVE!

Our voter registration and assistance website through TurboVote is now available at lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org. This site provides a "one stop shop" web portal through which individuals can register to vote; request an absentee ballot; update voter addresses; request alerts about upcoming local, state, and national elections via text messages and email reminders; and learn about election issues, candidates, etc., through data provided by the non-partisan Voter Information Project. LWV has partnered with student organizations at Mizzou and with TurboVote to create this website. Mizzou has its own TurboVote site for Mizzou students. Our League portal is available to students at Columbia College, Stephens and Moberly Area Community College who wish to participate, as well other Boone County citizens.



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GET READY FOR THE MUSIC MAN ON JUNE 8!



Break out your old band instruments – oh, wait! – better still, plan to attend our annual fundraiser with this year’s featured show: “The Music Man”. No need to practice your instrument. We make it easy. Just purchase tickets for the League’s fundraiser play this year on Wednesday, June 8, presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company.



including Best Musical.

As in past years, the play will start at 7:30, but before the performance, we will start the evening at 6:30 p.m. with a great selection of appetizers, provided by local restaurants and members, and wine from local wineries to enjoy.

Tickets will still be \$25 each; 5 for \$100 (which gets your name on the list of underwriters if you wish). Tickets will be available at the Annual Meeting on April

With books, music and lyrics by Meredith Wilson, this award-winning play features con man Harold Hill who comes to River City, Iowa to pitch his fake marching band system but falls in love with the town librarian. The Broadway show opened in 1957 and was a hit, winning 5 Tony Awards,

25. Members will receive a solicitation letter in mid-May with 2 tickets.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this fun evening!

— Marilyn McLeod

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID OFFERED APRIL 25

A training session for Youth Mental Health First Aid will be offered on April 25 at the Missouri 4H Center for Youth Development, 1110 South College Ave in Columbia. This 8-hour certificate

course is sponsored by University of Missouri Extension and the Children’s Grove. For more information contact Aldjandra Gudino at gudinoa@missouri.edu or (573) 884-1956.