



The Voter

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

JULY 11: BOONE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS



Please plan to attend our program on "Boone County's Mental Health Crisis" which will be held on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30 p.m.) at the Columbia Public Library.

Cosponsored by the Boone County Commission, League of Women Voters and the Columbia Public Library, this event features local experts who will speak about the related local initiatives.

Panelists will include: Rusty Antel, Judicial & Law Enforcement Task Force; Dr. John Cummins, MU Chief Resident in Psychiatry; Tim Harlan, Mental Health First Aid & NAMI; Steve Hollis, Columbia/Boone County Health Department; Kelly Wallis, Boone County Community Services

Department; Katie Burnham Wilkins, Truman Veterans' Hospital; Rockie Alden & Karla Williams, Faith Community; Phil Steinhaus, Housing Issues; Mary Epping, Court Responses; Kelli Canada, MU School of Social Work; Judge Cavanaugh Noce; Keith Hoskins & Tom Fuhrman, Jail Responses; and Dan Hanneken, Re-entry programming.

David Lile of KFRU will facilitate the discussion and KFRU will broadcast it live. We hope to have a very informative event encouraging local citizen engagement in helping in these efforts. Please invite your friends and neighbors. This event is free and open to the public.

— Marilyn McLeod

JULY 18: HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE



Are you or is someone you know interested in running for public office? Our League chapter and the Columbia Public Library will provide a workshop – "How to Run for Office" -- to help citizens interested in running for public office on Tuesday, July 18th at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library.

Columbia City Council person Barbara Hoppe, former Boone County Commissioner Karen Miller and former state representative Nancy Copenhaver will present information on how to run for local, county or state



Want To Run For Office?

offices.

We encourage you to pass this information to other groups you are involved with, so that anyone interested in running for office will be able to get some valuable information. The Springfield LWV had several workshops encouraging women to run for public office. Last year Springfield elected Rep. Crystal Quade and she had attended one of the workshops!

— Carol Schreiber & Marilyn McLeod

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BOARD MEETING REPORT

On June 19th, the Board met for a combined regular monthly meeting and planning session for the coming year. One of the goals of our League this past year and going into a new year is to cooperate and coordinate our activities with other organizations. We encourage members to identify ways in which our League might partner with other organizations in the community and region. The Board meeting highlighted a number of activities the League will co-sponsor with other groups in the next several months. These include:

- A play by David Webber on politics and the political process
- Showing of 'Fix It'—a film on ways to fix the health care system, co-sponsored with a local physician's group
- A roundtable discussion with Rep. Vicky Hartzler, co-sponsored with CoMo for Progress

As always, the Planning Meeting provided a time for the Board to craft a 'road map' for the coming year in terms of issues, events, and activities. The Board identified six major themes for the coming year:

- Redistricting
- Media Literacy
- Climate Change and the City of Columbia's response to climate change
- Voter Education
- Citizen Education
- Healthcare

Committees will be established to study each of the topics and to plan forums, events, workshops, etc. on all of these issues. We encourage members to join these committee and be part of the planning process for our League.

A second focus of the planning session was on vehicles used by our League to communicate with and engage the community and citizens. In addition to our 'usual' methods (forums, CAT-TV, town halls, Lunch & Learn), we hope to expand our Speakers' Bureau and to become a regular 'voice' in the community on issues through regular Op Ed pieces in the local newspapers.

There was a lively discussion on membership and membership issues. The Board hopes to encourage and recruit new members and to bring more diversity to our group. In addition, broadening the audience for LWV events will be a focus, as will continuing our partnering with groups with shared values and goals. Our mission is to show others that the League is an organization of Action with a proven track record of effective advocacy and education. In addition, the Board explored new activities to engage members including tours, film events, and book discussions and new mediums of communication.

The 2017-18 year should be a busy and exciting time for our League. We hope to become an ever-stronger force in the community on issues critical to our civil society. We need your help and involvement. So . . . join a committee, come to events, write an op ed piece, send us your ideas. We need the help of all members to make this a banner year for our League!!

— Diane Suhler, President



2018 LWV CALENDARS

2018 LWV Calendars will be ready soon. Last year we had several calendars left, so we will be cutting back on our order. This year's cost will be \$8.

Please, let us know if you would like one of the calendars by emailing us at lwvcbc@gmail.com.

— Carol Schreiber

**“ShowIt2Vote” :
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
VOTER ID LAW**

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County will present a program on the topic of implementation of the new Voter ID law on CAT-TV on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

We expect to have a representative from the Missouri Secretary of State’s office who will present information about the new Voter ID law, including what forms of ID are acceptable and how to obtain a non-driver’s Missouri identification card at no cost.

The program will originate on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. It will be replayed on CAT TV (Mediacom Channel 85; Charter Communications Channel 983; and CenturyTel Prism Channel 98). Replay times on CAT TV are at 7 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.) The program will be available on the League website (lwvcbc.org) a few days after the show or at columbiaccess.tv.

— Marilyn McLeod

**MISSOURI
IDs FOR VOTING**

Photo ID:

- Nonexpired MO driver's license or nonexpired or nonexpiring MO nondriver's license
- Document with voter’s name; non expired or expired after most recent general election; issued by US or state of MO
- ID issued by MO national guard or US armed forces or Dept. of Veteran Affairs - Unexpired or no expiration date
- Name on ID substantially conforms to most recent signature in voter registration record

If none of the above, then vote regular ballot if: Sign sworn statement affirming voter’s identity and doesn’t have one of above forms of ID - and

Present ID issued by: MO, state agency or local election authority; US govt or agency; MO-located inst. of higher education; or

current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document including check with voter’s name and address

844-338-8743

Info@VoteRiders.org

JULY 20: FIX IT - HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT

Want to hear some positive ideas about how to fix our broken health care system? Come see



the film “FIX IT” and participate in a discussion at the Friends Room of the Columbia Public Library, July 20, 2017. Two sessions will be offered, at 4:00 and 7:00 pm.

This documentary was created by business owners who want to do the right thing but are finding it increasingly difficult to afford employee health coverage. The film examines how our current, dysfunctional health care system is damaging our economy, suffocating our businesses, discouraging physicians and negatively impacting the nation’s health, while

remaining unaffordable for a third of our citizens. A panel of experts and consumers will share their perspectives and answer questions after the film.

— Mahree Skala



U.S. healthcare... At The Tipping Point

PRACTICING DEMOCRACY : A PLAY BY DAVID WEBBER

"Practicing Democracy"

Written by David Webber

Directed by Byron Scott

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of
Columbia/Boone County

September 21, 22, 23 7:30

September 24 2:00

Missouri United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

9th Street, Columbia, Missouri



Synopsis

Two ambitious young candidates aspiring for the state legislature meet an elder statesman aspiring to restore democracy. The mix of campaign practices and information technology provide challenges and opportunities affecting the election result. The play is in two acts—pre-campaign and the campaign and Election Day.

SETTING: Almost any medium-sized town in America.

TIME: Current

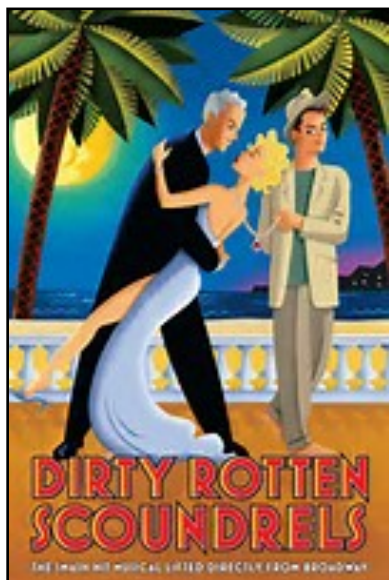
— Diane Suhler

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!!

About 120 attendees enjoyed this year's fundraiser play, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels", in conjunction with the Columbia Entertainment Company, on Wednesday, June 7. Based on the popular 1988 MGM film, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels", the tale of two con men and a beautiful woman on the French Riviera, was as sexy and irreverent as promised! And we raised almost \$3000, a great success!

Delicious appetizers were provided by members of the League and also several local restaurants, including: ABC Chinese, House of Chow, Les Bourgeois Winery, The Pasta Factory, Room 38 Restaurant & Lounge, and Teller's Gallery and Bar. Be sure to thank these generous restaurants for their support (and yummy appetizers)!

Thanks to the Pasta Factory and the Upper Crust restaurants for providing gift certificates for our door prize drawings. And of course our grateful thanks to the Columbia Entertainment Company for working with us again this year on our fundraiser.



We could not have been as successful without the support of all the members and friends who attended. Special thanks to our underwriters for their generous contributions:

Elaine Blodgett, Rachel Brekhus, Win Colwill, Dave and Jo Cowan, Leigh Huesgen, LWV of Sedalia-Pettis County, David Leuthold & Ellen Atkins, Marilyn McLeod, Joan & Stephen Mudrick, John & Joni O'Connor, Peggy Placier, Lucille Salerno, Sharon Schneeberger, Carol Schreiber, Kelly Schultz, Diane & Gregg Suhler, Janet Thompson, Marcia Walker and Vicky Riback Wilson.

A special thanks to the members of the Fundraising Committee for all their work at getting this organized, including Pam Springsteel, Win Colwill, Joni O'Connor, Margaret Tyler, Ellen Atkins, Marilyn McLeod, and Sarah Wolcott Twaddle. Thanks also to our wine servers, including Stephen Mudrick and Ken Hammann, and to Meredith Donaldson for her help at the reception desk.

The funds raised at our annual fundraiser allow us to continue with our non-partisan work encouraging an informed citizenry and supporting the right to vote.

— Marilyn McLeod

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY FROM RADON-PRODUCED CANCER

On January 6th, 2013 the City Council added passive Radon mitigation to the Columbia residential new building code. The change in building code does not effect existing houses but you can protect your house yourself.

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing 21,000 deaths per year in the U.S. Since Radon is a radioactive element it causes cancer. Radon gas is released from the ground by the normal decay of thorium and uranium found in nearly all rocks and soil. It is a heavy gas and tends to accumulate in enclosed spaces, such as basements, crawl spaces, and first floors, because normal wind and air circulation does not disperse it into the atmosphere. You can not see, smell or taste it, so you have no idea if it is a problem without specifically testing for it.

EPA recommends mitigation if the level is above 4 pico-curries per liter (pCi/L). The average in Boone County is about 3.9 pCi/L, with about a quarter of houses being above 4 pCi/L. Levels over 80 pCi/L have been measured here. Passive mitigation systems remove about half of the gas, while active systems, which add a fan,

do much better, with up to 99% removal. Both systems take gas from under the lowest floor and move it to over the roof. The cost of installing a passive system in a new house is \$100 to \$300 depending on who you ask. Upgrading a passive system to an active system as a retrofit is less than \$500. Retrofitting existing homes is more expensive.

Radon testing can now be requested by a home buyer. I expect a move this year to pass an ordinance requiring testing of homes before sale.

Radon occurrence is quite variable. Information from your neighbor's house is not a good predictor of the Radon level in your house. For houses built before 2014 it is desirable to have a radon test. Free test kits are available from the state and can be ordered at <http://health.mo.gov/living/environment/radon/index.php>

OK, it took me over a year of knowing this to get around to doing the testing. Fortunately I was part of the 3/4 in Bonne County not exceeding the limit. But you should not take so long to have testing done!

— Dick Parker

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 given of 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 April 19, 2017. For June 2017 we recognize:

- **Dr. Pam Conway and Michelle Haynam** for being our guests on the July 2016 CAT TV show titled "New Readiness Goals for Kindergarten in Boone County."
- **Denise Lieberman** for her presentation at the Constitution Day forum in September 2016 titled "Will They Count Your Vote?" And we recognize her for being our guest on our "Protect Your Vote" CAT TV show in August 2016.
- **Boone Family Resources** for providing a meeting room for the LWV Board meetings and a holiday social.
- **Columbia Daily Tribune** for providing matching free ads for purchased ads; extensive coverage of our forums; and including our photos in the Pulse section.
- **Judge Gary Oxenhandler** for being our guest on our September 2016 CAT TV show titled "Collateral Consequences of Felony Convictions."
- **Bill Clark** for his kind coverage for the LWV in his *Columbia Daily Tribune* column.
- **Paul Pepper and James Mouser** for including the LWV in the KBIA and KMOS show *Paul Pepper Radio Friends*.
- **CAT TV and Sean Brown** for producing our monthly LWV TV show titled *The League Presents*. We also recognize Jim Robertson as our primary moderator and Randy Picht as our fill-in moderator of our programs.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!



Upcoming League Events!



JULY/AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH FORUM Columbia Public Library 7:00 p.m., refreshments 6:30 p.m.	12 CAT-TV Implementation of New Photo Voter ID Law 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 HOW TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WORKSHOP Columbia Public Library 7:00 p.m.	19	20 "FIX IT" FILM & PANEL Columbia Public Library Two showings: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	AUGUST 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 CAT-TV CyberCrime 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH
27	28 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2

LWV Officers:

President: Diane Suhler (443-0549)
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Joni O'Connor (234-1012)
 Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
 Barbara Hoppe (443-5107)
 Vena Long (777-2487)
 Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)
 Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366)
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)
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Appointed Directors:

Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
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 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

Committee Chairs:

Budget: Shirley Troth
 Civil Liberties: Open position
 Education: Vena Long
 Energy Matters: Dick Parker
 Fundraising Chair: Pam Springsteel
 Health: Mahree Skala
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Membership: Meredith Donaldson
 Mental Health: Lael Von Holt
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

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"

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS:
 DELIVERY OF VOTER**

In order to use our resources wisely, on January 23 the Board voted to approve a new policy for delivering *The Voter*. **We will send *The Voter* by post only if it is requested (or the member doesn't have email service).** Any member may request to receive paper copies by contacting Marilyn McLeod at 573-445-3500 or lwvcbc@gmail.com. Members without e-mails will, of course, continue to receive paper copies in the mail.

2017 LEAGUE DUES ARE NOW DUE!



Thank you very much for your continued support for our organization. It is greatly appreciated! We are preparing for the upcoming Cat TV programs, Lunch & Learn programs, plus our educational forums on a wide array of important topics. Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 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 postal mail _____

(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)



If you plan to be away this summer and you want to receive your "Voter" by postal mail, please send your alternate address to lwvcbc@gmail.com or call Marilyn at (573) 445-3500 and note the time frame.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

30TH ANNUAL EQUALITY DAY BRUNCH

Missouri Women's Network Present the 30th Annual Equality Day Brunch on Saturday, August 26th. This brunch will commemorate the 97th Anniversary of Women Winning the Vote. The event will feature speakers, presentations, and legislative updates. This is be an excellent event for League members to meet and network with women throughout the state.

Women's Equality Day commemorates the granting of the vote to women throughout the country on August 26, 1920. On that date, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, first introduced back in 1878, finally became law. A 1971 Congressional Resolution, introduced in by Bella Abzug, designates August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day.

Equality Day Brunch
Saturday, August 26th, 2017

10:00-2:00 p.m.

Clayton Plaza Hotel

7750 Carondelet

Clayton, MO

For more information contact:

apatriciashores@att.net



—Diane Suhler
