



# The Voter

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

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### LUNCH & LEARN MAY 12: MASS INCARCERATION AND THE SENTENCING PROCESS

Our Civil Liberties Committee will host a Lunch & Learn event entitled "Mass Incarceration in the United States: the Sentencing Process" on Tuesday, May 12 at noon at the Hy-Vee Nifong store, 2nd Floor meeting room. Judge Gary Oxenhandler, Circuit Judge, Division II, 13th Judicial Court, will speak on the plea process - the sentencing decision and what many consider to be the prison overpopulation problem in the United States.

Judge Oxenhandler was appointed to the court in 2002. He was elected circuit judge in 2004 and was again in 2010. Division II handles general civil and criminal dockets. Oxenhandler was on the 2000 Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force; President of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce; Co-Chair of the Columbia Race Relations Task Force; and a member of the Boone County Jail Task Force. He now serves as the Acting Chair of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission and as a member of the Missouri Supreme Court's Civic Education Committee. This program is free and open to the public.

--Marilyn McLeod

### CAT TV MAY 20: VACCINATIONS, SUPERBUGS & EBOLA: WHAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW



Our next CAT TV show will be "Vaccinations, Super Bugs and Ebola: What the Public Needs to Know" on CAT-TV on Wed., May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The program will address what we need to know about preventing infectious diseases. The panel will include Eddie Hedrick from the Missouri Department of Health and Dr. Michael Cooperstock, an infectious diseases specialist and MU School of Medicine professor emeritus. Jim Robertson, managing editor, "Columbia Daily Tribune," will moderate the discussion.

The program will originate on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. and 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

## APRIL ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the LWV-CBC was held at Broadway Christian Church on April 21, 2015. 34 members and guests attended. Marilyn McLeod presided (co-president Carol Schreiber was out of the country). The dinner was prepared by members of the Church.

Barbara Weaver, chair emeritus of Boone Hospital Center Board, was the guest speaker. Recently retired after 34 years on the board, she told us how her friendship with Win Colwill and her involvement with the League inspired her to run for the hospital board. She spoke of the many changes she was involved with and how having certification for board members was a pet



Carol Lane and Patsy Danner

about the LWV position on reproductive freedom. It states: *Public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of the individual to make reproductive choices.*

Everyone received a printed Report to Members, prepared by Carol Schreiber, which contained a record of our activities over the past year and all the individuals involved.

Members approved the Friends of LWV, elected new officers and board members, and approved the budget for 2015-2016. New officers include Peggy Placier, co-president and Marilyn McLeod, 1st Vice President (2 year terms). Returning is Marcia Walker, secretary (1 year). Barbara Hoppe was elected as a new board member (2 years). Returning board members include Rachel Brekhus, Joni O'Connor, Pam Springsteel, and Shirley Troth (all 2 year terms).

--Marilyn McLeod, Co-President (outgoing)



Kay Callison

project.

The Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to LWV was presented to



Pat Etienne

Kathryn Allen. She was co-president with Eleanor Goodge and served another two terms as president in the 1990's. Kathryn was an outspoken defender of the LWV's position on reproductive rights at both the local and state level and she shared her history with the LWV and how and why reproductive rights are under fire today.

Kathryn brought along the poster she used 25 years ago to spread the word



Barbara Weaver, chair emeritus of Boone Hospital Board, Marilyn McLeod, outgoing Co-President, and Kathryn Allen, winner of Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to LWV.

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JUNE 2ND



If you've considered taking a Youth Mental Health First Aid course, now may be a good time to do so. The next class will be offered on Tuesday, June 2 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Boone Electric Cooperative, 1413 Rangeline S., Columbia, Missouri.

Contact Dana Hall at [DHall@pbhc.org](mailto:DHall@pbhc.org) to register. There will be no cost, but you do need to register ahead of time.

--Lael Von Holt, Mental Health Chair

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING DENTAL CLINIC



The Missouri Dental Association will hold a MO Mission of Mercy clinic on July 31-August 1 at the Hearn Center here in Columbia. They expect thousands of people to come for free oral health treatment such as extractions, fillings, etc.

A large number of volunteers are needed, in a variety of roles. To sign up to volunteer, go to [www.momom.org](http://www.momom.org). You can select a volunteer role and a shift(s) to work.

As you know if you came to the December forum, there are so many people living with dental problems in our area who have no access to care, and this is a rare opportunity to help them.

Please share this information with anyone you think might volunteer. Thanks!

--Mahree Skala, Health Committee Chair

## GET INVOLVED! LWV WILL REVIEW MONEY IN POLITICS AND STUDY HOW TO AMEND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

As you know from the news, 2016 presidential candidates are already in line to solicit the massive funding required to run a campaign. One of our major activities for the upcoming fall and winter will be following up on a proposal passed at last year's national convention in Dallas. The proposal dealt with two interrelated issues:

- Money in Politics: Reviewing LWV positions on money in politics and the growing influence of massive financial donations on the democratic process, especially since the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United.
- Amending the U.S. Constitution: Studying the process of writing and passing an amendment to provide a check on this influence.

The Massachusetts LWV laid the groundwork for these activities at the state level and convinced a majority at the national convention that these issues should be a national priority. National

groups have been preparing materials for local leagues to consider. We have not yet received the packet with suggested readings and questions for consensus, but the LWVUS website has preliminary information at <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-timeline> and <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/reading-guide-and-discussion-questions-amending-constitution>.

Please notify Peggy Placier ([pplacier@centurylink.net](mailto:pplacier@centurylink.net), 573-999-4837) or Carol Schreiber ([carolschrei@gmail.com](mailto:carolschrei@gmail.com)) if you are interested in leading or participating in these important activities. We will have more information soon, but it is never too early to get organized!

Note: If you have not logged into the LWVUS website, it is easy to create a login (your e-mail address) and password to gain access to Member Resources.

--Peggy Placier, Co-President



Upcoming League Events!



MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2 LWVMO State Convention
3 LWVMO State Convention	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	12 Lunch & Learn Judge Oxenhandler Noon - 1 p.m. HyVee Mtg Rm	13	14 Board Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20 CAT TV: Vaccinations, Superbugs & Ebola 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Lucky Stiff Fundraiser CEC 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 LWV Board Mtg 6:30 pm Broadway Christian Church	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**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)  
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: Mahree Skala  
Hospitality: Pam Springsteel  
Membership: Liz Schmidt  
Mental Health: Lael Von Holt  
Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

**Voter Editor:** Ava Fajen

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

**Websites:**

Local: [lwwcbc.org](http://lwwcbc.org)  
State: [lwwmissouri.org](http://lwwmissouri.org)  
National: [lww.org](http://lww.org)



Please send your dues to Membership Chair, League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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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.)

**MEMBER NEWS**

Member Bill Clark wrote a nice article in the "Columbia Daily Tribune" on April 27, 2015, telling the community about our April 21 Annual Meeting (see more on page 2) and highlighting the accomplishments of Kathryn Allen, Eleanor Goodge and Barbara Weaver.



Kathryn Allen



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Opening night of "Lucky Stiff" at Columbia Entertainment Company's community Theatre, begins at 7:30 pm Wednesday, June 10th with a gala hour of hors d'oeuvres and wine/tea provided by local restaurants and LWV members, beginning at 6:30 pm.

"Lucky Stiff" is a clever musical farce based on the novel, "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" by Michael Butterworth, complete with mistaken identities, \$6 million in diamonds and a corpse in a wheelchair.

The story is about a shoe salesman who is forced to take the embalmed body of his recently murdered uncle on a vacation to Monte Carlo.

Should he succeed in passing off his uncle as alive, Harry Witherspoon will inherit \$6 million. If not, the money will go to the Universal Dog Home of Brooklyn, or perhaps his uncle's gun-toting ex!

Even more surprises are in store for you! Tickets will be drawn at intermission for amazing door prizes and YOU may be a Lucky Winner!

Make your reservations for Lucky Stiff now by calling 445-0655 and send \$25 for each ticket to LWV, P. O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205. For \$100 you'll get 5 tickets (one free) and will be revered as an UNDERWRITER of Lucky Stiff.

Show your support for LWV and help fill all the seats in the CEC theatre on Wednesday, June 10. Be there at 6:30 pm.

--Linda Brown, Fundraising Committee