



The Voter

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

**CELEBRATE WOMEN’S VOTE: ENGAGEMENT AND ACTION
98TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT**

**AUGUST 26 FROM 3 TO 5 P.M.
COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**Meet with your fellow League of Women members
and sign up to take action!**



- New member orientation
- Door Prizes!
- Snacks and drinks provided
- Sign up to plan our 100th Anniversary Activities
- Information on Opportunities for Action

AUGUST 15 CAT TV: JAIL OVERCROWDING STUDY

The August 15 CAT TV show will feature retired Judge Gary Oxenhandler speaking about jail overcrowding in Boone County. Randy Picht, executive director of the Reynolds Journalism Institute, will moderate.

During the course of his practice, Judge Oxenhandler was active in the community, serving as President of the Boone County Bar Association, Chair of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Co-Chair of the City of Columbia’s Race Relations Task Force and Chairing and serving on two Boone County Commissions addressing overcrowding in the Boone County Jail. While on the Bench, he served a term as Presiding Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit,

a Circuit comprising two counties. He was appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court as a member of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission and served as its Acting Chair and then Chair.

The show airs live at 7:00 p.m. on August 15. The program will be available on our website or at www.columbiaaccess.tv. The show replays on CAT TV at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. CAT TV is found on Mediacom Channel 85, Charter Communications 983, and CenturyTel Prism 98.

— Marilyn McLeod



THE FIRST LIZ SCHMIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our first recipient of the Liz Schmidt Memorial Scholarship is Mary Kohler, a student at Stephens College. Mary will receive an honorarium of \$500 to further her educational career and a one-year student membership in the LWV. She meets the criteria for receiving the scholarship, which include:

- Female student
- Resident of Missouri
- 20 years of age or older

- At least Junior standing
- Enrolled in a minimum of nine credit hours
- Achieved and is maintaining a 3.00 GPA
- Field of study in line with the LWV mission

The scholarship will rotate each year to one of the following three colleges—Columbia College, Stephens College, and the University of Missouri.

— Sharon Schneeberger

JULY BOARD MEETING REPORT

The LWV Board met on Monday, June 18, for its annual planning meeting. The LWV Board continues to plan for the fall. We will be collaborating with other organizations on several events. Here are some of these events:

- In September or October we will work with CoMo for Progress on a postcard writing event to support the Clean Missouri ballot issue (date to be determined).
- October 8, the League will co-sponsor — with AAUW, the Columbia Public Library and the Mid-Missouri Civil Liberties Association — a forum about problems with the public defender system, called “Equal Justice for All?”
- The League will co-sponsor — with the Physicians for National Health Plan of Mid-MO, — the showing of a new movie on the “Big Money Agenda” (showings to be determined).
- The League will be working with the Islamic Center on voter education programs in September and October.
- The League will also co-sponsor with AAUW a program on the Innocence Project on November 3.
- A Happy Hour at Log Boat is being planned with the Kinder Institute.

We are planning a special membership event --“Celebrate Women’s Vote: Engagement and Action” -- on Sunday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m. to engage members. This event will include new

member orientation (see article on page 1 in this *Voter*).

Two of our members attended the LWVUS Convention in Chicago in June, Sharon Schneeberger and Meredith Donaldson. Both will provide a report in issues of the *Voter*, beginning with Sharon’s report in this issue (see page 3).

Our Membership Committee has determined that LWV membership renewal will begin in August and we will finish with renewals by the end of November. So, please renew now!

The LWV has voted to support two ballot issues that we expect to be on the November 7th Ballot. 1) Clean Missouri is intended to clean up the Missouri State Legislature from lobbyist gifts; subject the legislature to the Sunshine Law; and require fair legislative districts. 2) Raise Up Missouri increases the minimum wage to \$12 by 2023. We will consider all ballot issues once they are finalized.

And we are pleased to announce we have an LWV Scholarship winner, Mary Kohler, from Stephens College (see article on page 1 in this *Voter*).

The August Board Meeting will be on August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church. All members are welcome to attend.

We hope to see you at the Celebrate Womens’ Vote event on August 26 at the Columbia Public Library!

— Carol Schreiber

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 25, 2018. For August 2018 we recognize:

- **Tracy Perkins** was our guest on the CAT TV show entitled “What you Need to Know about Cyber-Crime in Boone County” on August 9, 2017.
- **Sean Brown** produced our CAT TV shows; **Jim Robertson** and **Randy Picht** moderated our CAT TV shows.
- **Columbia Entertainment Company** hosted our annual fundraiser.
- **Sam Griffin** provided audio services for our forums.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

JULY PRIMARY CANDIDATE & BALLOT ISSUE FORUM



The July 24 Primary Candidate and Ballot Issue Forum at the public library (pictured to the left) was well attended.



Pictured above at the July 24 Forum are the candidates for Presiding Boone County Commissioner, David Seamon and Dan Atwill.



Pictured above are the speakers on Proposition A – known as “Right to Work.” At left is the “con” speaker, Paul Rainsberger; on the right is Matthew Panik, the “pro” speaker.

REPORT ON THE LWV NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

Meredith Donaldson and Sharon Schneeberger represented LWV of Columbia-Boone County at the LWV National Convention, *Creating a More Perfect Democracy* on June 28 – July 1 in Chicago.

Sharon Schneeberger’s account of her convention experience follows (see the next Voter for Meredith’s article): It was a unique privilege to attend this convention. When you start the day at 7:00 a.m. and go until 9:00 p.m. or later, there is time to discuss many topics and meet several people from other states. I want to share a few of my highlights with you —

- Generally, there was **lots of energy and commitment** among the almost 1000 people (20 from Missouri) attending. Young and older

people were in attendance. It was the first convention for about a third, while an equal number had attended several conventions. Most people had plans to work on issues pertinent to their home states. Some were clearly frustrated with progress, but very few voiced giving up.

- **Fair districting** must be done at the state level with Leagues and other citizens calling for an independent commission to oversee the process. Many states were actively working on fair districting. California has one model and Colorado was pleased with their progress to date to establish a citizen’s commission. (cont’d on p.6)



Upcoming League Events!



AUGUST 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	AUGUST 1	2	3	4
5	6 Voter Service Committee Mtg. 1:30 p.m.	7 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23 Voter Registration at Boone Health Center 1:00-2:00 p.m.	24	25
26 Celebrate Women's Vote (Picnic and Orientation) 3:00-5:00 p.m. Columbia Public Library	27	28 Voter Registration at Boone Health Center 3:00-5:00 p.m.	29	30	31	SEPT 1
2	3	4	5	6	7 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	8
9	10	11	12 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	18 Lunch & Learn Columbia Public Library Noon	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

LWV Officers:

President: Open
 1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (443-5107)
 2nd VP: Diane Suhler (443-0549)
 Secretary: Carol Schreiber (657-1467)
 Treasurer: Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)

Elected Directors:

Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
 Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
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 Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366)
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Appointed Directors:

Dick Parker (256-4397)
 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

Committee Chairs:

100th Anniversary: Open
 Budget: Shirley Troth
 Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod
 Clean Missouri: Open
 Education: Open
 Energy Matters: Dick Parker
 Fundraising: Pam Springsteel
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 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Membership: Meredith Donaldson
 Mental Health: Lael Von Holt
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Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwcabc.org
 State: lwvmisouri.org
 National: lww.org
 Local Voter Information Portal: lwcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
 Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

TIME TO RENEW!

**THE ANNUAL RENEWAL DATE IS NOW
 AUGUST 31**

**BRING YOUR DUES TO THE
 "CELEBRATE WOMEN'S VOTE" EVENT
 ON AUGUST 26**

DUES RECEIVED NOW ARE FOR 2019

MEMBER UPDATE

The LWV welcomes new members Kathleen Brown, James Cook, and Natasha Martinez.

**Membership dues for 2019 are due
 August 31, 2018.**



We are preparing for the upcoming Election Forums, Cat TV programs, Lunch & Learn programs, plus our educational forums on 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 _____

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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.)



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- (Cont'd from page 3) The general thinking was that in addition to registering voters, Leagues must find ways to **get out the vote** if we are going to make democracy work. Leagues were gathering and keeping information about voters (with their permission) in order to set up electronic reminders, offer rides to the polls, send out post cards, etc. Finally, Leagues were working with other community groups to support the voting system and encourage voting.
- Leagues across the US were encouraged to **collaborate with other community groups** on other important non-partisan issues that match the LWV positions.
- **Online tools** were promoted. LWV-US is updating and providing more tools for leagues on their webpage. The website is available to all and contains a trove of information.
- A vote was taken and passed. **The LWV will support states agreeing to cast their electoral votes for the candidate receiving the most popular votes**—a “wonky” way of working around the electoral college dilemma when the popular vote and the electoral college do not produce the same winner.
- **Florida LWV’s approach to gun control** was used as an example of how to influence highly polarizing issues. The Florida LWV was proud of several things they had accomplished, like funding more school security and mental health services, requiring a three-day waiting period for firearm purchases (with some exceptions), banning the sale or possession of bump stocks, giving law enforcement the authority to seize weapons from potentially dangerous people, and raising the age requirement for all gun purchases to 21 from 18 (the federal age minimum is 18 for a rifle and 21 for a handgun). The Florida League worked with other community groups to pass all of these common sense strategies for dealing with firearms.
- Finally our banquet speaker was Elaine Weiss, the author of *The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*. She was clearly in awe of how Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul and others worked to get the Tennessee (the final needed state) Legislature to adopt the 19th Amendment in 1920. She inspired me to read the book, you may want to, also.

— Sharon Schneeeberger
