



The Voter

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

FEBRUARY 13: CONVERSATIONS WITH LEGISLATORS

The League of Women Voters will hold a community meeting at the ARC (Activity and Recreation Center) in Columbia on Thursday, February 13 with our local Missouri state representatives.

Representatives Bayse, Kendrick, Reisch, Stevens, and Walsh, and Senator Rowden have been invited to describe the legislation they plan to introduce in the 2020 session. Citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss what they would like to see accomplished at our state Capitol.

There will be a five-minute presentation from each representative and then time for questions from the

audience. The evening will conclude with 45 minutes for audience members to speak with their representative individually or in small groups.

Come join others from the community to learn about what's going on in Jefferson City in 2020. We'll meet at the ARC, 1701 Ash Street Thursday, on Feb. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Plenty of parking available. See you at the ARC!



— Elaine Blodgett and Sharon Schneeberger

FEBRUARY 15: COME TO THE "EQUALI - TEA!"

It's an Equali-Tea! You are invited to celebrate the 200th Birthday of Susan B. Anthony and the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment at this special event on Saturday, February 15 from 2:00-4:00 at the First Baptist Church!

This is another way we are celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment, which at the time was called the "Susan B. Anthony Amendment". This special event will feature a performance by actors from the UMC Theater Department who will portray Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass.

Celebratory birthday cake will be served in honor of this 200th birthday, and, of course, tea will be served! Costumes of the suffragist era are welcome!

We will meet at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1112 E. Broadway. There is parking right outside the hall on the south end of the church. You can enter through the rear door and take the elevator downstairs to get to the Fellowship Hall.

The Equali-Tea is cosponsored by the League and AAUW-Columbia branch and there is no cost to attend. We hope to see you there!

We hope you will plan to attend to celebrate Ms. Anthony's great work! You can RSVP to: lwvcbc@gmail.com or call Marilyn McLeod at (573) 445-3500.



— Marilyn McLeod

KICK OFF 2020: LWV NEW MEMBERS MEETING FEBRUARY 29

New members (and other interested members) are invited to a meeting on Saturday, February 29 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. to learn more about the League. The meeting will be in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library. We will provide breakfast treats, OJ and coffee.

This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow LWV members, learn how the League operates, and learn about



ways to be engaged in small and larger ways. If you have an interested friend, bring them along. Feel free to stay for the National Program Planning Meeting (see page 3).



— Meredith Donaldson, Membership Chair, mjdonlson@gmail.com

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JANUARY BOARD REPORT

The LWVCBC Board met on Monday, January 27, 2020 (our meeting was postponed from its regularly scheduled date due to inclement weather on January 20). You can find much of the information that was discussed at the meeting in the many articles in this issue of "The Voter". We hope you will plan to be involved in some way in the various activities.

This month, I would like to concentrate on one order of business that was discussed at the meeting. Here is a little background: LWVMO received a grant for "Making Democracy Work" from national LWV. National LWV wants to ensure the financial sustainability of the LWV at all levels and has asked that local (and state) board members show their support for the organization by agreeing to a personal financial commitment.

Our local board discussed this request in November, and in response to our members' suggestions as well, we developed our own version of the agreement that was requested by LWVUS. We believe that board members (and general members, really) provide support for the organization in many ways. We also want to be sure there are not any barriers to any member who might want to be on the board.

Here is part of the text that the board approved unanimously:

"The local members found in order to ensure that the LWVCBC meets its goals and objectives, each board member will take an active part in the organization's activities including contributions as follows:

Contribute financial support to the best of their ability. We want to be sure to have board members who represent various demographics, including age and financial status, and not exclude any potential board member who may not have the financial resources but can contribute in other ways.

There are many ways to support our mission, including, but not limited to: general donations in addition to membership dues; donations for

special projects (e.g., voter guide); donations for special fundraising events; donations given as a result of fundraising requests; expenditure of time; contribution of wisdom; contribution of talent and expertise (e.g., energy issues, health/mental health issues, etc.); contribution of new and/or creative ideas; in-kind contributions; contributions of items needed for events, projects, etc.; unreimbursed expenses, (e.g., travel to state capitol, voter registration, and other events); and other possible opportunities not otherwise listed

Board members are encouraged to keep a record of their various expenditures of time and expenses to be recognized for their contributions.

Some of the ways to support our mission, such as wisdom, ideas, talent and expertise, cannot be part of a monetary value, but may, in fact, be more valuable."

As we discussed various topics at our meeting and listened to everyone's input, I looked around at the members of our board and said that clearly it is the wisdom of the members of the board that is the most valuable contribution to our organization. I am so honored and grateful to be able to work with such intelligent, resourceful, and dedicated individuals. They are generous in so many ways. Thank you.

— Marilyn McLeod, President



LUNCH & LEARN FEBRUARY 11: EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY, HOW ELECTIONS AFFECT YOUR DAILY LIFE

Some people only vote in presidential elections. They may not realize that local elections can have a big effect on their lives, because their vote gives them a voice. Join us as Barbara Hoppe, former Columbia City Council Member (2006-2015), and current Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson share their perspectives. Bring your lunch and join us for this monthly public policy discussion. We will also have the Valentine's Day letter (see more about this immediately below).

Lunch & Learn programs are held on the second Tuesday of each month, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library. These programs focus on public policy issues of interest to citizens of mid-Missouri and are cosponsored with the Library. Although no lunch is provided, attendees are welcome to bring their own or purchase snacks at the library kiosk.



— Barbara Hoppe

CELEBRATING LWVUS 100TH ANNIVERSARY WITH VALENTINES

The 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States is February 14, 2020. LWVUS has asked local Leagues to celebrate with a "Day of Action." The Columbia-Boone County League has decided our action will be to send Valentines thanking our elected officials for their service. **The master Valentine's Day letter will be available at the February 11th Lunch and Learn (see above for information), and members will be encouraged to sign the letter.** Then the letter will be copied and these copies will be sent to 125 elected officials serving in office in Boone County.



— Carol Schreiber

FEBRUARY 29 — NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

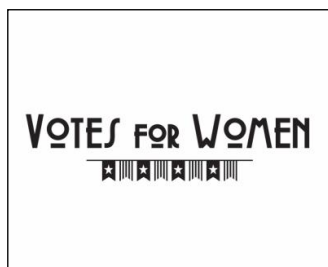
Every other year, in preparation for the national LWV Convention, local Leagues are asked to review the national program (i.e., policy positions) and determine whether they approve the current program or have changes or additions to suggest. We will hold our local meeting on National Program

Planning on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library in the Friends Room. All members are welcome.

— Marilyn McLeod marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com

VOTES FOR WOMEN - A PLAY!

The play "Votes for Women" will be presented by the University of Missouri Theater Department in March to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This is an adaptation of Elizabeth Robbins' 1906 feminist classic. This production relocates the action to America, where suffragists marched, preached, wrote, sang, rallied, went to prison and rode horses down



Fifth Avenue to win "the free delights of women's rights!"

The performances will be at the Rhynsburger Theatre, 501 Hitt St., on the University campus.

League members have been invited to attend the matinee of "Votes for Women" as a group on Sunday, March 15. The matinee is at 2:00 p.m. (house doors open at 1:30 p.m.). The regular price is \$17 a ticket, but we qualify for special group ticket discounts. Contact the box office at Rhynsburger Theatre at 573-882-PLAY (7529).

— Marilyn McLeod

VOTER ID LEGISLATION - REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE MAY CHANGE AGAIN SOON

In the wake of this month's Missouri Supreme Court ruling invalidating part of Missouri's voter ID law, legislators have wasted no time trying to make the law stricter and leave out thousands of registered voters. On January 22, Rep. John Simmons, R-Washington, proposed a new voter ID bill (HB1600). Under the proposed bill, only people with photo IDs could cast a regular ballot. People without a photo ID would be required to cast a provisional ballot. This provisional ballot would be counted only if their signature on the ballot matches the one on their voter registration file.

A hearing was held on January 22 before the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee on HB1600, which would, among other things, eliminate "Option 2" (non-photo) IDs, as well as the critical advance notice requirements imposed by the original legislation (and that is the subject of current litigation), and re-write the affidavit that the Missouri Supreme Court last week struck as "misleading and contradictory."

By eliminating non-photo IDs, this measure would attempt to reinstate a strict voter ID requirement

(similar to one that was found unconstitutional in *Weinschenk v. State*, 203 S.W.3d 201 (Mo. 2006)). It would require voters to show a non-expired state issued photo ID to vote, or cast a provisional ballot that would only be counted if the voter returned with photo ID or if the voter's signature on the provisional ballot envelope matches the signature on their voter registration.

As of the end of January, no action has yet been taken by the committee. Please consider sending an email to members of the Committee or your own state representative. Local representative Cheri Toalson-Reisch is a member of the committee but note that she may only accept messages from citizens in her district. Tell lawmakers to oppose discriminatory and unconstitutional photo ID requirements to vote in Missouri!

The bill is available at: <https://house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills201/hlrbillspdf/3088H.011.pdf>

— Marilyn McLeod

ELEANOR GOODGE AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

At our Annual Meeting in April, we will honor a League member with the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the League of Women Voters. If you have someone in mind that is deserving of the award, please send a statement detailing how your nominee meets the following criteria for the award:

- Member of LWV of Columbia-Boone County.
- Exemplary service and a long-term commitment to the principles of LWV.
- Primary service should be at the local level but may include service at the state or national level.
- Service goes beyond service in an elected or appointed LWV assignment.

- This award does not need to be given each year and may be given posthumously.

Some previous recipients include Carolyn Leuthold (2012), Maydell Senn (2013), Lael Von Holt (2014), Kathryn Allen (2015), Win Colwill (2016), Elaine Blodgett (2017), Joni O'Connor (2018) and Ava Fajen (2019).

Please send your nominations to lwvcbc@gmail.com by March 10. The board will vote on this award at the March board meeting and it will be presented at our Annual Meeting in April.

— Marilyn McLeod

LWV BUSY WITH VOTER REGISTRATION

The League of Women Voters has planned several voter registration events to be held prior to the February 12 deadline to register to vote in the March 10 Presidential Primary. We will have volunteers to register voters at the Columbia Public Library on Saturdays February 1 and 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These events will be held in the lobby of the

library. We will also be at the Columbia Public Library on Wednesday, February 5 from noon to 7:00 p.m. outside the Friends Room to register voters.

We have several new members volunteering to register voters. If you would like to help, please contact Carol Schreiber at carolschrei@gmail.com.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT - ACTION ITEM!!

In January, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA has now fulfilled the requirements of Article V of the Constitution to become an amendment. It is quite serendipitous for this to be culminating one

hundred years after the 19th Amendment.

The U.S. House of Representatives will vote on HJ Res 79 to remove any time limit on ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment the week of February 10, 2020.

It is of the opinion of many legal scholars that the time limit is not part of the amendment itself and therefore does not impact ratification. However, Congress voted to extend the time limit in 1979, so it can vote on the time limit again, this time to remove it, which would remove any question about the validity of the amendment.

Please call and email Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and ask her to support HJ Res 79 as the House votes to eliminate the deadline. Her local (Columbia) phone number is; 442-9311. To email her, go to this link: <https://Hartzler.house.gov/contact/email>

— Teri Miller



FUNDRAISING/PLAY COMMITTEE PLEA

The Fundraising /Play Committee needs help!

There are tasks that need volunteers: requesting donations from local restaurants and grocers, picking up food the day of the play, bartenders, set-up crew, clean-up crew and we have a new refreshment of local beer.

We'll need people to ask for a donation of a 6 pack from each local brewery. They are : Logboat Brewing Company, Broadway Brewery, Bur Oak



Brewing Company, Rockbridge Brewing, and Flat Branch Pub and Brewery.

So if you would like to help w/ the annual play on June 10 - the musical comedy "The Addams Family" presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company - please contact Pam Springsteel at 573-445-0642 or pspring@socket.net.

CANDIDATE AND BALLOT ISSUE FORUM WILL BE MARCH 17

The candidates in competitive races in the April 7th Local Election will participate in the League of Women Voters Candidate and Ballot Issues Forum on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library. Refreshments will be available at 6:00 p.m.

Candidates for Columbia City Council Ward 1 are Pat Fowler, Greg Pierson, and Mark Anderson. Matt Pitzer is the only candidate in Ward 5 and will not be included in the forum. The other race on the ballot in Columbia will be for three positions on the Columbia School Board. Candidates are Helen Wade, Jonathan Sessions, Chris Horn, and David Seamon.

Other offices that are uncontested in April 2020 will not appear on the ballot, and these candidates will not be part of our forum. These include Boone Hospital Board of Trustees - two positions and two candidates: Jerry Kennett and Bob McDavid; and Boone County Fire Board - two positions and two candidates: Jay Turner and John Sam Williamson.

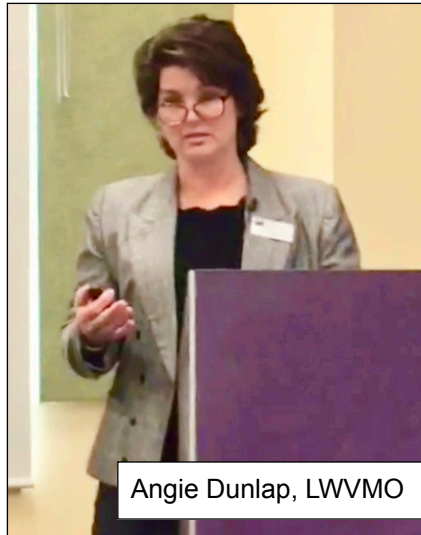
There is one ballot issue on the ballot, a Columbia Public Schools \$20 million bond issue. Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Superintendent of Columbia Public Schools, will speak about the ballot issue.

— Carol Schreiber

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE: THE JANUARY L&L PROGRAM

At our Lunch and Learn program on Jan. 14, Angie Dunlap from the League of Women Voters of Missouri explained to a full room of 60 very interested and engaged attendees how the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) could ensure that the presidential candidate with the most popular votes wins the election, without the need for a constitutional amendment.

The U.S. Constitution requires the use of an electoral college in the election of the President, but this system can allow a



Angie Dunlap, LWVMO

candidate to win the presidency while losing the popular vote.

One solution which would avoid changing the constitution is the NPVIC. This is an agreement among a group of U.S. states and the District of Columbia to award all their electoral votes to whichever presidential candidate wins the overall popular vote. This will work if states that have a total of 270 electoral votes agree to participate. Sixteen states have passed the NPVIC, with a total of 196 votes. Only 70 more electoral votes are needed and Missouri has 10.

Three National Popular Vote bills have been introduced this year in the Missouri legislature.

HB 1591 - Ashley Bland Manlove

HB 1949 - Judy Morgan

HB 1988 - Peter Merideth

If you want to make every vote for President relevant in every election, help move NPV legislation forward. Let your elected officials know that this issue is important to you. ASK YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO CO-SPONSOR THIS LEGISLATION. For more detailed information see : <http://www.lwvstl.org/NPVCmte.html>

— Article and Photos by Barbara Hoppe, Lunch & Learn Chair

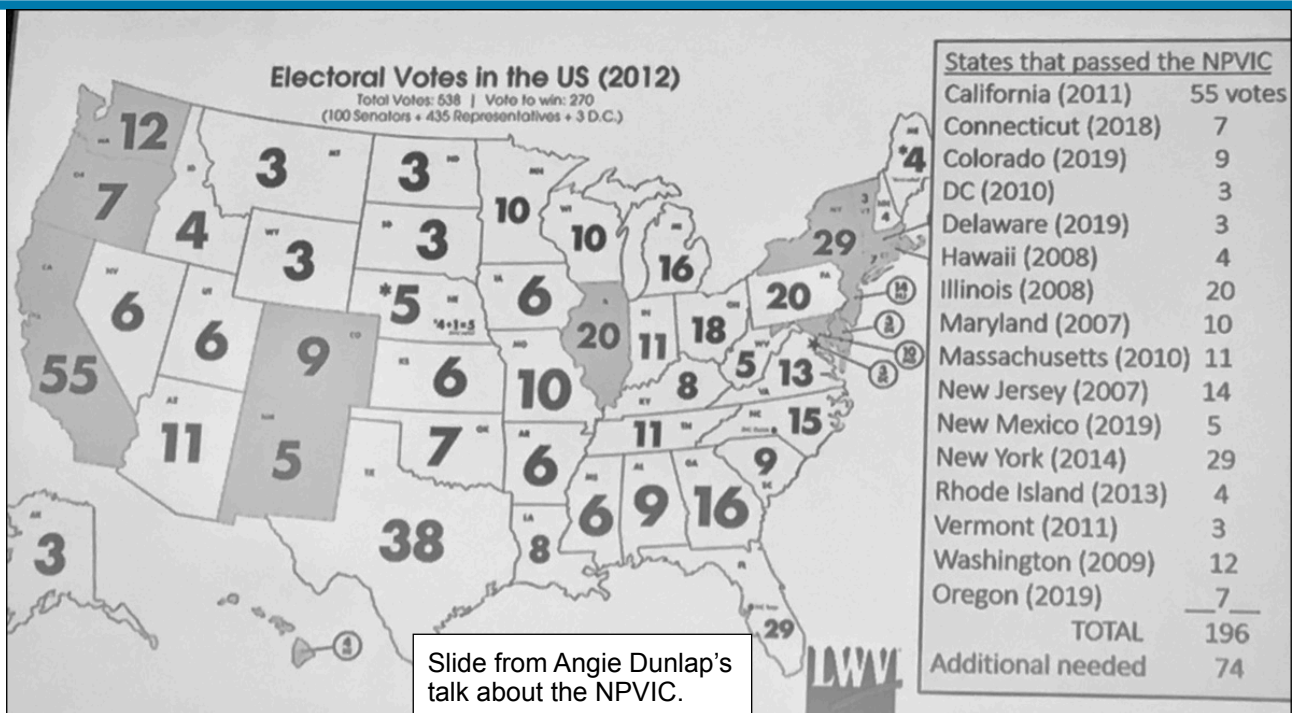
Did you know? A slide from the talk

There have been 5 times when the presidential candidate who received the most votes nationwide LOST the election!

1824 – Andrew Jackson lost to John Quincy Adams
 1876 – Samuel Tilden lost to Rutherford B. Hayes
 1888 – Grover Cleveland lost to Benjamin Harrison
 2000 – Al Gore lost to George W. Bush
 2016 – Hillary Clinton lost to Donald Trump



Angie Dunlap's NPVIC talk was well attended



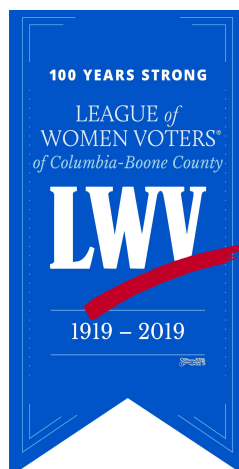
UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS!

Suffrage exhibit - "She got the Vote". Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa. The center is open Wed.-Sat., 11a.m.-4:30p.m. and Sunday noon-4:30pm. The pen that Gov. Gardner used to sign the presidential suffrage bill is on loan until March. The exhibit will be open until September 2020.

February 15, Saturday. "Equali-Tea" celebrating 200th Birthday of Susan B. Anthony. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Event cosponsored with AAUW and held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 112 E. Broadway. Actors from the MU play "Votes for Women" will present the characters of Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony.

March 11, "History of Women at the University of Missouri", 7:00 p.m. (refreshments, 6:30 p.m.) Columbia Public Library. **Mary Beth Brown**, presenter.

March 12, 2020, Thursday. 7:00 p.m. "Born Criminal" with guest author Angelica Carpenter The subject of the book is Matilda Jocelyn Gage, a little known, but important, suffragist, and cohort of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Columbia Public Library, 3rd floor Reading Room.



March 11-15 "Votes for Women" a play featuring Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. Rhynsberger Theatre, University of Missouri. We are going as a group to the 2 p.m. matinee, Sunday March 15. We have been offered special discount prices for our group if we buy 20 tickets. For tickets, call the box office at 573-882-PLAY (7529) and note that you are with League of Women Voters.

March 14-July 25, Exhibition: "Missouri Women: Suffrage to Statecraft," Center for Missouri Studies, Art Gallery, First Floor, 605 Elm Street.

April 7, 2020, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Ragtag Cinema, film "Suffragette" starring Meryl Streep. Underwritten by Central Bank of Boone County.

May 8, 2020, Friday, Odyssey Concert, 7:00 p.m. (6:45 preconcert). Women Composers of the 19th, 20th, and 21st Century. Varied ensembles will perform works by Grazyn Bacewitz, Amy Beach, Libby Larsen, and Clara Schuman. First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway.

June 2, 2020, Tuesday, 6:30pm, Ragtag Cinema, "Year of the Woman" starring Katherine Hepburn. Underwritten by Janet Thompson.

June 30-November 9, Museum of Art and Archaeology, exhibit "American Women Artists since the Vote"

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net



Upcoming League Events!



FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	FEB 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Centennial Committee Mtg 2pm UU Church	10	11 Lunch & Learn: Importance of Local Elections Noon, Library	12 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	13 Conversations with Legislators ARC 6:30 p.m.	14	15 Equall-Tea with Susan B. Anthony & Frederick Douglass First Baptist Church 2-4 p.m.
16	17 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. National Program Planning 11 a.m. Both events in the Columbia Public Library Friends Room
MAR 1	2 Lunch & Learn: Fair Maps Noon, Library	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Presidential Primary in Missouri	11 History of Women at UMC Library, 7 p.m.	12 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m. Author Angelica Carpenter, "Born Criminal" Library 7 p.m.	13	14
15	16 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	17 Candidate Forum Library 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Member News

Welcome to new members

Linda Berent (household)
Suzanne de Chazal
Eric Fines
Betsy Garrett (household)
Monica McMurry
Dr. Jerry Murrell

and returning members

Peter Stiepleman and Elizabeth Chang

2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Thank you to all who have renewed!! We now have a total of 172 members and more have promised to renew!! We will be sending our membership count to LWVCBC at the end of this month.

We invite you to honor our 100th Anniversary year by increasing your membership payment Single \$100 (regular \$65) and Family \$135 (regular family \$100). This will help us cover expenses for our wonderful Anniversary events this year.

Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 for a household, \$25 for local students, and **(NEW) first year \$30 for new members 30 years of age and younger.** 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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State and Zip Code _____

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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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CLICKABLE LINKS TO HISTORY BOOKLETS — In celebration of our 100th Anniversary, both LWVCBC and LWVMO have created wonderful booklets full of pictures and information about our history and the strong, capable women who have been our leaders. To read or print out either booklet, just click on the link below the picture for that booklet. You can also find these booklets posted on the LWVCBC website.

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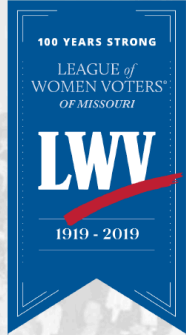
Governor Gardner signing Missouri's ratification of the 19th Amendment on July 3, 1919.



Proclamation Ceremony, July 8, 2019, commemorating the Centennial of Missouri's ratification of the 19th Amendment. Jay Ashcroft, secretary of state, presented the proclamation.

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