



The Voter

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

MARCH 2 LUNCH & LEARN: FAIR MAPS

The March Lunch & Learn program on the subject of "Fair Maps" will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at noon in the Friends' Room at the Columbia Public Library.

Everyone wants fairness in elections. People Powered Fair Maps™ is a national program of the League of Women Voters focused on creating fair political maps nationwide. It intends to



engage residents in creating awareness about redistricting, its importance, and the impact redistricting has on how their vote is counted.



Bring your lunch and join us for this monthly public policy discussion co-sponsored by the League and the Columbia Public Library.

(Note that Lunch & Learn is usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, but the day was changed this month.)

— Barbara Hoppe

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. The Columbia Public Library is our co-sponsor.

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.

KFRU radio will broadcast the forum live and David Lile, KFRU host, will moderate the forum.

— Carol Schreiber



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JANUARY BOARD REPORT

The board of the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County met on February 17, 2020 at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

At our monthly board meetings, we usually discuss the various upcoming plans for programs and other activities. It was suggested that the various LWV committees could contribute ideas for the Lunch & Learn events, for example the ERA, medical issues, etc.

The National Convention is coming up in June in Washington, D.C. Our League can have three delegates since we had at least 150 members as of January 31. We have funds to support most expenses for two delegates to attend.

The board approved a fundraising plan. Board members were asked to keep track of their volunteer hours and any in-kind donations.

The board recognized that this has been a remarkable year filled with events celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Please take a look at Pam Springsteel's report on page 7.

We reviewed the February events. The "Conversations with Legislators" was cancelled due to weather. This was the second year in a row. We discussed possible rescheduling of the event, but that is very difficult with the legislators busy at the Capitol. We discussed having a back-up date in the future. Another idea was to substitute the public forum and have interviews with the legislators.

As our LWV "Day of Action" activity, we asked members to sign a "thank you valentine" which was copied and mailed (snail mail) to 125 elected officials in Boone County. We held several voter registration opportunities, and our February 11 Lunch & Learn featured Barbara Hoppe, former Columbia Councilwoman and Janet Thompson, current Boone County Commissioner discussing how important local elections are in the life of citizens.

The Equal-Tea went well. There were about 45 people who attended, quite a few came in costume, and we had a presentation by MU Theater students as Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, as well as members of

AAUW who did a readers' theater about the suffrage movement. Thanks to Pam Springsteel, Meredith Donaldson, Joni O'Connor, Kathryn Allen, Win Colwill, Lael Von Holt and Kate Canterbury for making the arrangements, ordering the food and supplies, setting up, and taking down. Although only a two-hour event, it still takes a lot of teamwork and we are so fortunate to have these dedicated members who pitch in as needed.

Sharon Schneeberger and Elaine Blodgett shared information about Protecting Amendment 1 and the Voter Protection Coalition. All county clerks have been notified that voters do not need photo ID and they don't need Real ID. Attorneys will be available for voters during elections. There will be poll watchers. Meredith reported that NAACP will handle problems and let poll workers know they can call NAACP. Free rides are available from Uber, Lyft and buses are free on Election Day.

Our annual fundraising play will be held on June 10. The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Pam Springsteel, met recently and it was reported that there have been changes in the CEC Theater building. The number of seats is fewer than in the past. Noting that the cost of tickets has been \$25 each for at least 10 years, it was determined to increase the price to \$30 per ticket and 4 tickets for the \$100 underwriters. Remember that this is a fundraiser!

Meredith Donaldson reported on the GOTV coalition that has been organized by the NAACP. We are very pleased to join with other local organizations in this coalition to increase voter registration and turnout.

Mahree Skala is our point person on our access to the VOTE411 online voter information system. She reported that she has navigated the system and has generated the invitation to candidates to respond to the questions. VOTE411 has been used by other local Leagues in the state (as well as nationally), but the cost has been prohibitive for us. This year the cost is covered by a grant. (Continued on page 4)

HISTORY OF WOMEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Continuing our year-long celebration of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we have invited Mary Beth Brown, PhD candidate in history, to present a historic look at the road to inclusion in higher education for women at the University of Missouri.

This Women's History Month program will be on **Wednesday**,



March 11, at 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30) at the Columbia Public Library Friends Room.

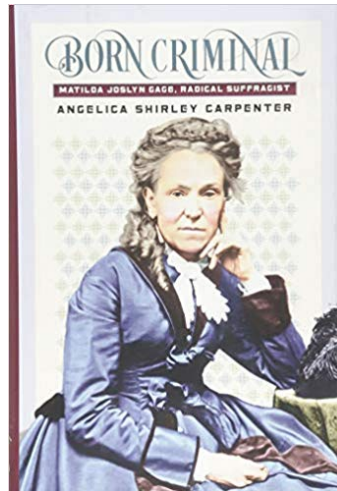
This event will be cosponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Columbia Branch and the Columbia Public Library. Part of Boone County's Journey Toward Inclusive Excellence.

— Marilyn McLeod

MEET MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE, RADICAL SUFFRAGIST

Guest author Angelica Carpenter will discuss her book [Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist](#) at a program in our series of centennial events on **Thursday, March 12**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Reading Room on the third floor of the Columbia Public Library.

Matilda Joslyn Gage



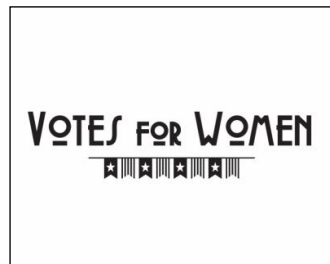
was a leader in the early women's movement, working closely with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Today she is mostly forgotten, after being largely written out of history. Ms. Carpenter's book writes her back in.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author. This program is cosponsored by the Columbia Public Library.

— 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, from March 11 to March 15.

League members are encouraged to attend the matinee of "Votes for Women" as a group on Sunday, March 15. It was not possible to arrange a group discount, but we hope members will still enjoy attending as a group. The matinee is at 2:00 p.m. (house doors open at 1:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$17. Contact the box office at Rhynsberger Theatre at 573-882-PLAY (7529) or reserve online at <https://theatre.missouri.edu/performance-information-and-box-office-policies>.

— Marilyn McLeod

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT - ACTION ITEM!!

Teri Miller, chair of the ERA Committee, is continuing to participate on behalf of the LWV-CBC and LWWVMO with the Missouri Coalition and Representative Judy Morgan, who is the sponsor of the Missouri House Bill HCR64 on the ERA.

The bill is now stuck in committee. Write your local state representative and encourage their vote in support of HCR64.

Although the actual text of the bill is longer, here is the summary of the bill:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the



members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

This bill has a Democratic co-signer, but would benefit from a Republican co-signer, as well. Encourage a Republican Representative to join in the equal rights fight for women in Missouri.

Here is a link to the full text of the bill: <https://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills201/hlrbillspdf/3512H.01.pdf>

— Teri Miller, ERA Committee Chair

MARCH VOTER REGISTRATION VENUES

The League of Women Voters will be conducting voter registration at the Columbia Public Library on Wednesday, March 4 from noon to 7:00 p.m. outside the Friends Room and Saturday March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the library. The League has also been asked to conduct voter registration at Columbia College in conjunction with a presentation by Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon on Voting and Women’s Suffrage. We will be at Columbia College from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Thanks to our February voter registration volunteers: Sharon Schneeberger, Mahree Skala, Ruth Milledge, Nancy Berry, Elaine Blodgett, Aline Kultgen, Susan Clark, Linda Headrick, Greg Suhler, and Marilyn McLeod. If you would like to help, please contact Carol Schreiber at carolschrei@gmail.com.

The LWV is also working with the NAACP and a voter registration coalition to ensure we do not duplicate venues.

— Carol Schreiber

BOARD REPORT (CONT'D)

(Continued from pg. 1) Every other year – in Election Years – there is the “First Day of Filing” at the Secretary of State’s building when candidates for state office (e.g., state representative, state senator, etc.) can file their interest. The state LWV has had a table to welcome candidates for many years in the morning hours of the First Day of Filing and we did so again this year on February 25. Columbia LWV members Meredith Donaldson and Marilyn McLeod joined women from other LWV chapters.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the many activities, we would like very much to hear from you! Just send an email to: lwwcbc@gmail.com or call me at (573) 445-3500.

All the best and stay warm. Spring is in sight now. (Well, almost).

— Marilyn McLeod, President



LOCAL ELECTIONS AFFECT YOU: THE FEBRUARY L&L PROGRAM

Former Columbia City Council member, Barbara Hoppe, and current Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson were speakers at February’s Lunch & Learn Program on “How Local Elections Affect your life - Everyday in Everyway.” Barbara Hoppe covered City decisions that affect your daily life such as trash, electricity, streets, development, climate change, renewable energy, chickens, crime, food safety, smoking, Airbnb issues & more. She emphasized that what is or is not done, how it is done, who pays for it, and whether is it equitable all depends on who is elected.

Janet Thompson gave an interesting overview of what the County does, as well as what it does not do. She addressed the decision making process regarding development and its limitations, roads maintenance, costs, revenue etc. She noted that there are many entities that have the words “Boone County” in their names but are not part of County Government, such as Boone County Regional Sewer District or Boone County Lumber. She explained how the County Commission works with — but does not oversee — the Boone County Clerk, Sheriff’s Office, and County Fire Dept. She discussed some of the good work that the Joint City - County Health Department does, which the County and City do control. Both speakers also addressed the lack of general funding to both the City and County,

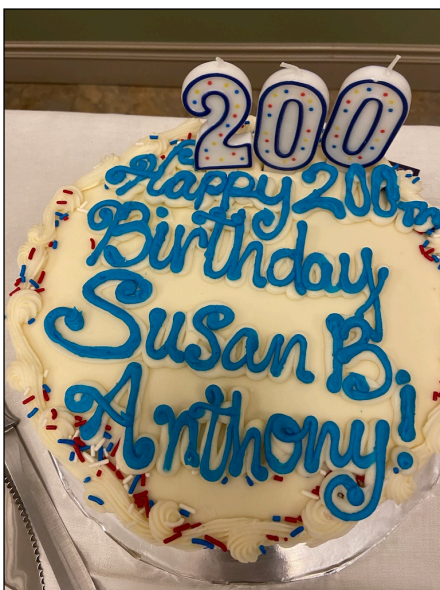
because of decreasing sale tax revenue and the need for a use tax for online purchases.

“Everything that’s close to you and your everyday life is affected by city government and county government,” Hoppe said. “If you care about your life and what happens to you, you should care about who’s running city government. Let your voices heard through local elections and get involved.”

Janet Thompson highlighted how active and involved citizens were crucial in creating the excellent funding programs that we have that serve children. Barbara Hoppe spoke about how citizens led the effort to Save Stephens Lake Park and how important it was to have a responsive Mayor, Darwin Hindman, and City Council that were willing to help make it happen. Citizens supported a Parks Tax to provide funds since 2000 to buy and keep up not only Stephens Lake Park but many additional, beautiful Parks and Trails we now have to enjoy and use throughout Columbia. She also discussed how the LWVCBC Energy and Climate Committee, and particularly members Win Colwill and Dick Parker, were crucial in helping get renewable energy goals started in Columbia. They are continuing their work and encourage the public to tell the City Mayor and Council to further reduce CO2 Emissions and achieve 100% renewable City electricity by 2030.

— Barbara Hoppe, Lunch & Learn Chair

EQUALI-TEA CELEBRATES SUSAN ANTHONY’S 200TH BIRTHDAY



Linda Evans, AAUW President poses with the Reader’s Theater players: Carrie Chapman Catt (Marilyn McLeod), Lucretia Mott (Marybeth Champion-Garthe), Charlotte Woodward (Diane Ludwig), Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Marianne Fues), and Susan B. Anthony (Carolyn Mulford).

EQUALI-TEA CELEBRATION FEATURES LIVE PERFORMANCES

We were very pleased that about 45 people, both LWV and AAUW members, came to the Equal-Tea on Saturday, February 15 at the First Baptist Church in Columbia to celebrate the 200th birthday of Susan B. Anthony and also the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters, which happened the day before! Quite a few members came in costume which added to the festive atmosphere.

Actors from the MU Theater Department performed as Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass and members of AAUW performed a Readers Theater with dialogue telling (briefly) the story of the suffrage movement.

Dianne Lynch, president of Stephens College, was a special guest. We were also pleased that MU faculty members Heather Carver, who is chair of the Theater Department, and Dr. Cheryl Black who

is the director of the play "Votes for Women" also attended.

We sang happy birthday to Susan B. and enjoyed the special birthday cake and other refreshments.

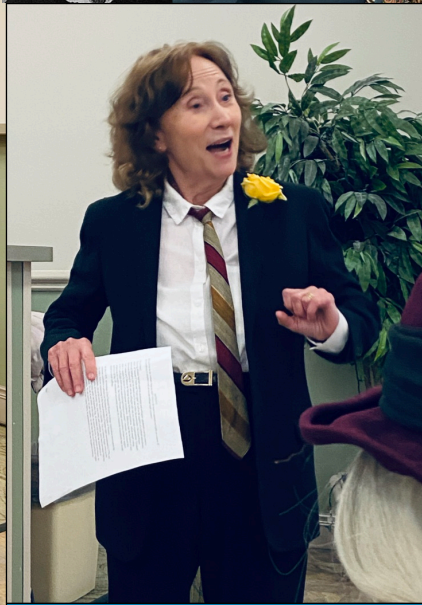
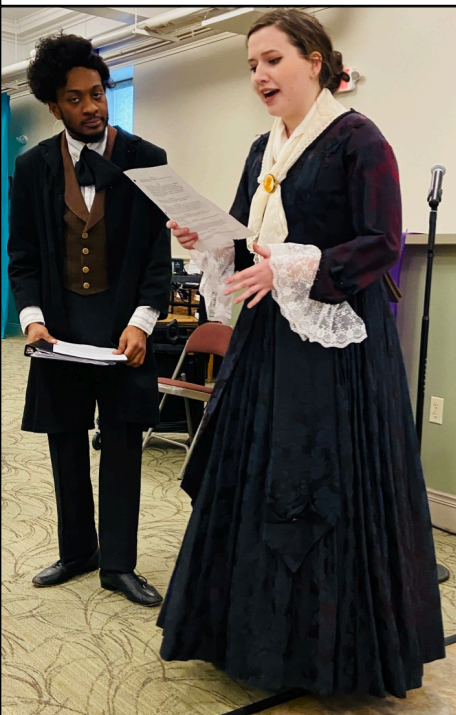
Thank you to all the members of the planning committee, including Pam Springsteel, Meredith Donaldson, Kate Canterbury, Win Colwill, Joni O'Connor, Kathryn Allen, Lael Von Holt, and June DeWeese and Linda Evans from AAUW. Thanks to Lael for the lovely flower arrangements and to Ava Fajen for being our photographer!

This was just one in the many events we are providing in this year-long celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Be sure to check out Pam Springsteel's report of more upcoming centennial events!

— Marilyn McLeod

Equali-Tea Photos: Right, League members Meredith Donaldson and Barbara Schneider with Stephens President Dianne Lynch. Below left, University of Missouri Theater performers Andre Stewart (Frederick Douglass) and Abby Uphuff (Susan B. Anthony). Below center, Dr. Cheryl Black, director of the play "Votes for Women." Below right, Pam Springsteel, Chair of the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee and Jodi O'Connor pose at the Equali-Tea.



AAUW and LWV members celebrated together at the Feb.15 Equal-Tea.



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 exhibit will be open until September 2020.

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.

Cosponsored by AAUW and the Columbia Public Library. See article on page 3 for more information.

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 on the north side of the library. Cosponsored by the Columbia Public Library. See article on page 3 for more information.

March 11-15 "Votes for Women" a play featuring Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. Rhynsberger Theatre, University of Missouri. See article on page 3 for more information.

March 14, Saturday, 1:30-3 pm, Missouri State Historical Society and Missouri Historic Costume & Textile Collection Exhibition, Opening

Reception, "*Missouri Women: Suffrage to Statecraft*". Actors from MU's play "Votes for Women" will perform.

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.

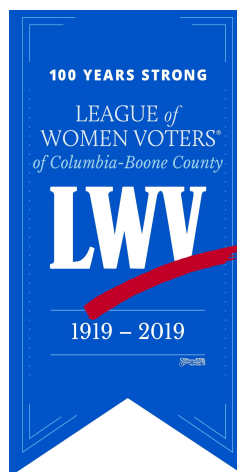
May 8, 2020, Friday, Odyssey Concert, 7:00 p.m. (6:45 preconcert). Women Composers of the 19th, 20th, and 21st Century. Varied ensembles will perform works by Graznp Bacewitz, Amy Beach, Libby Larsen, and Clara Schuman. First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway.

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" Museum hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon-4pm.

July 4, Saturday, Kickoff of Bicentennial of Boone County. Noon, reenactments at Columbia Cemetery; 4 p.m., Courthouse Square, Stephens College Theater Dept. , reenactment of Boone County women: Thomasina Talley Green, Maude Adams, Joan Crawford, Rebecca Boone, Sarah Whybark, Shirley Hardwicke, Helen Stephens, Barbara McClintock, Ann Hawkins Gentry, Ann Covington, Muriel Battle, Laura Ingalls Wilder.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net





Upcoming League Events!



MARCH 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAR 1	2 Lunch & Learn: Fair Maps Noon, Library	3	4 Voter Registration Public Library Noon to 7p.m.	5	6	7 Voter Registration Public Library 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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. <hr/> Author Angelica Carpenter, "Born Criminal" Book about Suffragist Matilda Joslyn Gage 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	APRIL 1	2	3	4
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12	13	14 Lunch & Learn: RMF Community Bail Fund Noon, Library	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 LWV Annual Meeting?	28	29	30		

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Member News

Welcome to new members:

**Susan Adams
Paula Herrick
Vicki and Greg Schildmeyer
Lois Skelton**

In Memoriam:

We regret to report the recent passings of League member **Michael Hinojosa**, and **Paul Copenhaver**, husband of longtime member Nancy Copenhaver.

2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Thank you to all who have renewed!! We now have a total of 175 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.

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EQUALI-TEA



Above, Marianne Fues, Marybeth Champion-Garthe, and Diane Ludwig perform the Readers Theater "Women Deserve the Right to Vote" at the Feb. 15 Equali-Tea. On the right, Abby Uphuff and Pam Springsteel prepare to slice Susan B. Anthony's 200th Birthday cake.