



# The Voter

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

## AUGUST 26 CELEBRATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

On Wednesday, August 26, at 7 p.m., our local League will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment giving women the right to vote. This event will also be our LWV-CBC Annual Meeting. Zoom details will be sent prior to the event.

Martha Stanton will sing "Song for Equal Suffrage," written by Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

Professor Catherine Rymph, chair of the MU History Department, will be our speaker. In the Fall Semester she teaches a class on U.S. Women's Political History 1880-present, in the

Women's and Gender Studies Department. She will speak on the topic "Uses of Suffrage."

The Eleanor Goode Award for Exemplary Service to the League of Women Voters will be presented to Pam Springsteel by Marilyn McLeod.

We will also take a Virtual Tour of the "She Got the Vote" exhibit from the



Boone County History and Culture Center, led by Monica McMurry and Meredith Donaldson.

## RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

The 19th amendment was ratified in Nashville in a special session of the Tennessee legislature in August of 1920. The state had the historic burden and honor of being the 36th of 48 states needed to approve the efforts made by countless women since the 1848 Women's Rights Convention demanded female franchise. Approval did not come easily that hot summer.

America's body politic, its financial, social, racial, religious and cultural interests, intersected in Nashville. They were revealed in arguments on the legislature floor and in the passions of observers in the balcony. There, the "Suffs," wearing yellow roses, and "Antis," wearing red, watched closely.

The Tennessee Senate voted for ratification. But the Suffes were stunned when House Speaker Seth Walker retracted his yearlong promise of support. As Speaker, he was able to use

parliamentary procedures to prevent passage. He called for votes on adjournment, reconsideration and tabling. During the vote to table, delegate Harry Burn received his mother's letter asking him to vote for ratification. He wore a red rose in his lapel that day.

Tabling would bump the measure from any vote, effectively killing it. A roll call was declared. Antis thought they had a 49-47 majority. The clerk recorded a 48 - 48 tie. Banks Turner, a farmer from west Tennessee, and until then a constant Anti voter, had voted "no" to tabling, creating the tie. The Anti's were very displeased.

The Speaker confidentially called for another roll call vote. Harry Burn, with his mother's letter in his jacket saying, "Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt," was another surprising "Aye." The gallery exploded with suffrage cheers. Then voices quieted while awaiting what Banks Turner's vote might be this time. At

first, he was silent, but before the Antis could cheer, Banks stood and said that he wished to be recorded as voting "Aye." The vote was 49 to 48! The gallery exploded with joy from those wearing the yellow rose.

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## JULY BOARD REPORT

The LWV-CBC Board met on July 20, 2020 on Zoom.

Treasurer Ruth Milledge reported that we raised over \$3,000 on our Phantom Play Fundraiser which was wonderful news. We expect the invoices for state and national PMP's (per member payments) sometime soon which is for the dues owed for this past year. (They are always behind in the collection.)

**Membership Committee** - Meredith Donaldson, chair, reported that we have 183 members (127 singles; 58 households; and 6 life members). We have 4 new members. Meredith will remind members at the postponed Annual Meeting this month on Zoom to renew on-line or mail in their renewal membership.

**100th Anniversary Committee** - Pam Springsteel, chair, reported that the *Suffragette* movie with Meryl Streep will be shown on Netflix and Amazon Prime (the library also has a DVD of the movie) in addition to Rag Tag. We should all try to watch it on August 19, and there will be a discussion on Zoom later. Pam reported that the August 26th 100th Anniversary celebration of the 19th Amendment and our Annual Meeting will be on Zoom at 7 p.m. Barbie from Rag Tag has reported that the movie *Year of the Women* will be shown at a drive-in (perhaps on MU's campus). Date to be determined, after students return to campus. It was suggested that it could be an opportunity to hand-out voter registration cards and information on the LWV.

**Fundraising Performance** – Barbara reported that she has talked to Elizabeth Palmari, Director of the Greenhouse Theatre, who has offered to do a special performance on Zoom both as 1) a Members Benefit for LWVCBC and (2) a way to recruit new members. She will advertise it with her wide and enthusiastic Columbia audience. League members should also encourage their family and friends to attend. She will perform scenes from *The Revolutionists*, which is a play she directed for Stephens College theatre students this last spring, but due to Covid they were not able to perform.

**Voter Protection Committee** – Marilyn reported that the lawsuit on the notary requirement is still being litigated; we do not expect a final answer before the August election. The letter to the

editor that Marilyn sent to the Tribune regarding the notary requirement was never published. Marilyn did report that Sen. Blunt scheduled a hearing for the Heroes Act in July and the St. Louis County election official was to testify at that hearing.

**Voter Service Committee** - The Board approved the motion for our League to sign on to the groups opposing Amendment 3 which will be on the November ballot. That is the amendment that would reverse Clean Missouri and create even more gerrymandering of the Missouri Legislature although the language of the ballot amendment sounds very benign. Sharon has been busy Tweeting and will ask all our members who are on Twitter to follow the LWVCBC and retweet.

**The Civil Liberties Committee** is scheduled to meet on Zoom on August 14 at 2 p.m. We hope to co-sponsor a program with the Kinder Institute event on Constitution Day. The Missouri LWV was the leader in proposing the urgent resolution on the importance of working for racial justice passed at the national LWV convention this year, so we are hoping that will be the main theme for the year.

**Invitation to cosponsor** – The Sierra Club invited the League to cosponsor an upcoming Climate Rally in September. The Board voted to co-sponsor the event with publicity. We will not encourage our members to participate in public contact but will publicize the event and if members decide to go, we will encourage social distancing.

**E.R.A. Committee** - Marilyn reported that Teri Miller will be moving to St. Louis, so we have asked another member of the ERA Committee to take over monitoring the ERA issue. We thank Teri and her committee for their leadership in re-activating the League in the passage of the E.R.A. We wish Teri the best in her move. She has been great to work with!

**Zoom** - The Board discussed the cost of our purchasing a license for Zoom. Currently we use the Zoom license provided by LWVMO which pays for Zoom meetings and the Metro St. Louis League pays for the webinar version.

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## TRAUMATIC TIMES CALL FOR A CLEAR MESSAGE — ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

We are seeking more ways to share information and request your help with our efforts.

First, we are tweeting daily. The topics we are focusing on include: registering to vote, going to vote, Medicaid Expansion/Amendment 2 (Primary), Amendment 3/Fair districts (November), the US Census, and racial justice.

### What you can do—

If you have a twitter account, please follow the LWV-CBC tweets and then re-tweet our daily entries to your followers.

Ask your friends to follow the LWV-CBC and then re-tweet our daily entries to their followers.

Second, our forums and Lunch and Learns are being recorded and placed on our YouTube channel. Please tell others you know who may not be able to watch the Zoom meetings live to go to <https://lwvcbc.org/cat-tv-programs-2/> to find the latest YouTube videos at their convenience to learn new information. For example, 229 people viewed the YouTube video of our school board candidate forum.

— Sharon Schneeberger

## LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAMS

The last several months of LWVCBC Zoom Lunch and Learn Programs have been popular and well attended. If you missed any of the programs you can view them on the LWVCBC Facebook page and website.

There will be no Lunch and Learn Program in August. We are working on our Zoom Lunch and Learn Programs for this Fall.

On Tuesday, **September 8**, Peggy Placier, representing Race Matters, will speak on Bail Bonds and Racial Justice. This program was cancelled in the spring because of Covid-19.

On **October 13** the Lunch and Learn program Zoom program will focus on the two ballot issues on the November Ballot: Dirty/Clean Missouri and Term Limits.

For November, Barbara Horrell, a member of the Sharp End Heritage Committee, will tell the story



of their work with the city of Columbia to preserve landmarks and locations that are part of Columbia's black history, and create Columbia's African-American Heritage Trail.

For **December 8** we are working on a program focusing on Disabilities. This year is the 30th anniversary of the Disabilities Act. We recommend that you watch the film, **Crip Camp**, on Netflix or Amazon Prime. It is an excellent documentary which was shown at the True/False Festival this year in early March, before Covid shut things down.

We are also working on programs for the Spring. Whether those will be virtual or in person remains to be seen. Stay well, stay engaged, stay active!

— Barbara Hoppe  
Lunch & Learn Chair

## RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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Immediately the Speaker changed his vote so as part of the majority he could call for another reconsideration vote. It was immediately postponed for a day. Special interests lobbied, i.e, threatened or cajoled members.

Rallies around the state arose against the politicians who had supported ratification.

Twenty-five Anti members left town in the dead of night to prevent a quorum the next day, but the time for reconsideration had run out. Ratification prevailed - by one vote. The 19th Amendment was added to the Constitution on August 26th.

— Kathryn Allen  
Past President

## 100 DAYS!

LWVUS has prepared a list of 100 things to do from July 26 to Election day on November 3. The Columbia League has taken the idea and we are posting daily actions to take on our Facebook page as we count down to November 3. Please look for the postings each day and share with your friends. The actions are related

to voting, protecting the vote, civic engagement, voter education, voter registration, census, etc. If you have an idea for action, please send it to [lwvcbc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcbc@gmail.com).

Let's not waste a single day leading up to the General Election!

— Carol Schreiber

## UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS!

**Suffrage exhibit: "She got the Vote" Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa.** The center is open Thursday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m., with noon-1p.m. reserved for those over 60. Social distancing required. Visitors must sign in and give a phone number. Limit of 40 people in the building including staff. The exhibit will be in place until December 2020. A virtual tour of this exhibit has recorded and will be on the website soon.

**Stephens College Exhibit "Suffrage, What's Fashion Got to Do with It?"** is at the Stephens College Fashion Museum on the Mezzanine of Lela Wood Rainey Hall, 6 North College Avenue. **The Fashion Museum is closed at this time.**

**State Historical Society of Missouri art gallery, Exhibit: "Missouri Women: Suffrage to Statecraft."** Exhibit runs through the fall. Center for Missouri Studies, 605 Elm Street. The center will be open starting August 4, Tuesday-Saturday 12-4:30 pm by appointment. **LWV members have been invited to come for a personal tour of the exhibit.** Call for an appointment 573-882-7082 or [contact@shsmo.org](mailto:contact@shsmo.org). A virtual tour has been recorded and will be posted online soon.

**Museum of Art and Archaeology, museum galleries are closed. Open online – Website <http://maa.missouri.edu> "Objectified: the female form and the male gaze"** - this exhibit frankly addresses important social issues concerning the objectification of women in western art. Viewer discretion is advised. **"Women of Vision"** a 47 min. film can be found on the website. This film

recognizes the important contributions of women artists whose work is found at the Museum of Art and Archaeology. Artists discussed are Carrie Mae Weems, Mary Cassatt, Faith Ringgold, Maria Martinez, Helen Frankenthaler, and Elizabeth Catlett. Online beginning August 26, will be exhibit **"American Women Artists since the Vote."**

**August 19, 6:30 pm, Wednesday, presented by Ragtag Cinema, "Suffragette"** starring Meryl Streep. Or watch on Netflix or Amazon Prime. Zoom discussion after. Information on streaming film and Zoom link for discussion will be sent later. Netflix is free for the first month.

**August 26, Wednesday. League Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment giving women the right to vote and LWV-CBC Annual Meeting rescheduled.**

Solo by Martha Stanton of "Song for Equal Suffrage", lyrics by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Speaker: Professor Catherine Rymph, chair of MU History Department. Fall Semester her class in Women's and Gender Studies Department is U.S. Women's Political History 1880-present. Her topic: "Uses of Suffrage."

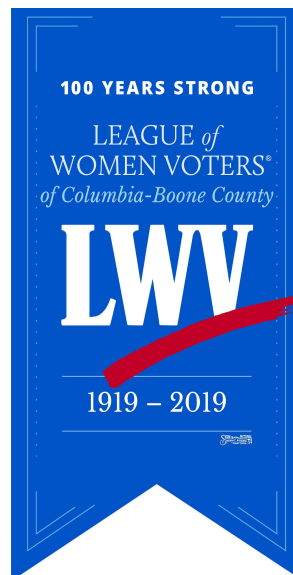
Presentation of the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the League of Women Voters to Pam Springsteel by Marilyn McLeod.

Virtual Tour of "She Got the Vote" exhibit from the Boone County History and Culture Center by **Monica McMurry and Meredith**

**Donaldson.**

**September, presented by Ragtag Cinema, "Year of the Woman,"** a documentary. Plans are for this film to be shown at a drive-in. The J-School will be asked to use this as their fall screening. The documentary journalism students will be asked to be involved in the discussion after, as well as two of our members.

— Pam Springsteel, [pspring@socket.net](mailto:pspring@socket.net)



**LWVCBC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN SEPTEMBER (PG.7)**
**THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE ADA**

It is the 30-year anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. One of our LWV board members reminded us recently of this notable date and suggested that we have some information about it in *The Voter*. Also, later this year we plan to have a Lunch & Learn program on this topic.

The ADA is an important part of all our lives. Whether you are personally impacted or have family members or friends who benefit from the law's passage, we recognize that it is a public good for all. In fact, you never know when your life might be impacted by a disability.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is a United States law that forbids discrimination based on

physical or mental disabilities.\* The act seeks to protect individuals with disabilities that significantly limit one or more major life activities. Examples of such disabilities include blindness, deafness, deformity, muscular and nervous disorders, paralysis, and loss of limbs. The primary goal of the ADA is to ensure that people with disabilities are not denied basic rights and have an opportunity to lead happy, fulfilling lives.

The first right protected by the ADA is the freedom to seek employment. The law bans discrimination in hiring, promotion, and pay. It also requires that employers make efforts to accommodate the workplace needs and limitations of employees with disabilities.

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**“A YEAR WITHOUT A PLAY” RAISES OVER \$3000!**

Yippee! We have been able to raise over \$3000, thanks to our underwriters and other great folks who bought “tickets” to the phantom fundraiser, “A Year Without a Play”. We are so appreciative, as this gives us the financial support we need to accomplish our work this year.

Here is a list of the “phantom play” underwriters who contributed \$100 or more. Extra thanks to those who gave above the \$100 request.

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| Kathryn Allen<br>Elaine Blodgett<br>Zona Burk<br>Susan Clark<br>Win Colwill<br>Anne Deaton<br>Meredith & Joe Donaldson<br>Ava Fajen & Scott Christianson<br>Sharon Hanson<br>Linda Headrick<br>Barbara Hoppe<br>Susan Koenig<br>David Leuthold<br>Marilyn McLeod | Ruth Milledge<br>Anne Miller<br>Joan & Stephen Mudrick<br>Joni O'Connor<br>Peggy Placier<br>Sharon Schneeberger<br>Carol Schreiber<br>Sarah & Mike Seat<br>Mahree & Karl Skala<br>Linda Smith<br>Diane & Gregg Suhler<br>Janet Thompson<br>Marcia Walker |
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For those of you who requested a centennial “memento” in lieu of a play ticket, we hope those got to you. (If not, contact Marilyn McLeod, at [Marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:Marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com)).

If you haven't already “purchased a ticket” or become an underwriter, you still can! We still have some of the mementos available! Here is a link to the information: [https://bit.ly/LWV\\_Playbill](https://bit.ly/LWV_Playbill)

— Marilyn McLeod

## JULY BOARD REPORT

(cont'd from pg.1) We will offer to pay a reasonable amount for our use of Zoom. Sharon has put our programs on YouTube and we are now able to find out how many views the programs have. We had over 200 views of our school board forum and over 40 views for the city council forum. We have always wanted to have recordings available for members and the public to watch if they can't attend our programs. The use of Zoom has enabled us to do that. One of the very few positives, maybe the only one, from the pandemic.

Stay well and stay safe. I miss seeing you all in person.



— Marilyn McLeod, President



### Upcoming League Events!



## AUGUST 2020

| Sunday   | Monday                                  | Tuesday       | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>AUGUST 2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                | <b>4</b>      | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9<br/>Centennial<br/>Committee<br/>2 p.m.<br/>on Zoom</b> | <b>10</b>                               | <b>11</b>     | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b> | <b>14<br/>Civil Liberties<br/>Committee<br/>2 p.m.<br/>on Zoom</b> | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b>  | <b>17<br/>Board Meeting<br/>on Zoom</b> | <b>18</b>     | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>                               | <b>25</b>     | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b> |
| <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>                               | <b>SEPT 1</b> | <b>2 LWV on<br/>Paul Pepper<br/>KBIA 8:50<br/>a.m.</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>  |

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**Member News**

Welcome to new members  
**Deborah Beste**  
**Kate Denehy**  
**Nancy Kassabaum**  
**Alice Reese**

**In Memorium:** Lucille Salerno, longtime member of the LWV and one of the founders and past Director Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and devoted champion of lifelong learning in Missouri and an ardent fan of Ragtime!

We currently have 187 members.

**2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

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





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## THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE ADA

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A second section of the ADA states that people with disabilities must have equal opportunities to benefit from all government-run programs, services, and activities. This provision requires many public buildings to have wheelchair-accessible entrances and ramps. It also requires government organizations to make special efforts to communicate with people who have hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

Other issues addressed by the ADA include the accessibility of buses, trains, hotels, motion-picture theaters, restaurants, and stores. Many transit services and other establishments must provide ramps or lifts for people in wheelchairs, and signs in braille for customers who are blind. The act also requires telephone companies to

provide telephone relay services for people with speech or hearing disabilities.

A victim of employer discrimination can file a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which will take the case to court. The U.S. Department of Justice handles other complaints of discrimination under the ADA.



The National Council on Disability, an independent agency of the federal government, developed the ADA in the mid-1980's, and Congress passed it in 1990. In 2008, Congress expanded the ADA's protections to people who can compensate for their disabilities by the use of medication,

medical devices, or prosthetics. Earlier decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States had limited the scope of the act's protections. For more information see: <https://www.ada.gov/>

\* Background information obtained through the online research section of the Daniel Boone Regional Library website in the *World Book Advanced*.