



The Voter

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

LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM UPDATE

We will not have any Lunch & Learn Programs during the summer months of June, July, and August. We will resume Lunch & Learn Programs in September.

Please let us know if you would prefer Zoom-only Lunch & Learn programs or a hybrid program that would be both in-person at the Columbia Public Library and on Zoom. Another option would be an every-other-month hybrid program in the Friends Room of the Columbia Public Library and, for the alternative month, doing a Zoom-only program, which is often more convenient for the speaker.

In addition, please let me know if you have any suggestions or recommendations for programs or speakers you would like us to feature during the coming year. The Committee will meet in June on Zoom to plan our Fall Programs. If you would like to be on the Lunch and Learn Committee, send an email to yesforparks@hotmail.com.

Many thanks to Mahree Skala for arranging and moderating our May Lunch & Learn Program, which focused on Mental Health. Guest Speaker Vinita Khanna of Burrell Behavioral Health spoke about Mental Health for Golden Oldies. Kim Dude-Lammy, President of Children's Grove, also shared her insights about helping her parents as they aged. Her mother passed away just two months before her 100th birthday, and her father lived well into his 90s.

If you missed this program, you can catch it on YouTube on our website, lwvcbc.org, or dbri.org.

Thanks as always to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library for co-sponsoring these programs.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair



At the April 30 LWVCBC Annual Meeting the 2023 Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service was presented to Meredith Donaldson. She is pictured above with President Barbara Hoppe. Our featured speaker was Barbara Buffaloe, mayor of Columbia, pictured to the right. See page three for more meeting photos and info. Photos by Suzanne Stilwell.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for the honor of serving as your LWV-CBC president for the next two years. I will do my best to live up to your confidence, knowing that the able and experienced board (which includes several past presidents) will keep me on track as we meet the challenges ahead. Barbara Hoppe has been an excellent president, and I appreciate her help with the transition.

Assuming this role has led me to reflect on why I care so much about the League's mission. Looking back, my first taste of democracy in action was my father's campaign for County Superintendent of Schools when I was nine years old. He cared deeply about giving children who attended small rural schools a chance for a better education, and he campaigned hard for the seat. He lost to the incumbent, however, and life went on. Our family eventually moved into town so we could attend a public high school that provided college prep courses. I learned that elections have consequences, that good change can be hard to achieve, and that we must keep on trying.

Since then, I've witnessed and been a part of many movements to address inequities and broaden democratic participation. The civil rights movement and the Viet Nam war protests showed me that the people's voice can make a huge difference in public policy, but it can take a long time. The history of women's suffrage and of the attempt to pass the Equal Rights Amendment teach us the importance of perseverance over decades and lifetimes.

The right to vote, access to the voting process, public understanding of issues, and the ability to hold elected officials accountable are all

essential to our democracy. This is the core of the League of Women Voters mission. We will be there to take on new challenges as they come.

The articles in this issue highlight some of the ways we're moving forward. Congratulations to all those who made the Biennial State Convention a big success! I especially want to thank Marilyn McLeod, state president, and the other members who provided the voice of reason in the state capitol during this very difficult legislative session.

Please think about how you can contribute your voice and your energy to the work of the LWV. Just contact me or any other board member if you'd like to join a committee or volunteer for an activity. Your ideas and participation matter!

— Mahree Skala
President, LWVCBC
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SOCIAL MEDIA INTERN FOR LWVCBC!

We are happy to announce that our Social Media intern, Rachel Taylor, a Journalism student at MU, will begin working with our League this month. We plan to explore ways to promote voting to different ages of Missouri citizens on various social media platforms. Rachel will assist us in choosing platforms and developing the graphics for our messages. The Social Media Committee looks forward to

working with Rachel and using social media platforms to promote voting and the League's positions.

If you would like to join the Social Media Committee, email sharon@schneeberger.net.

— Sharon Schneeberger, Chair
Social Media Committee

APRIL 30 LWVCBC ANNUAL MEETING



The LWVCBC Annual Meeting was held Sunday April 30 in the Friends Room at the public library. Pictured here are board members and officers for 2023. Front row: Diane Suhler, Meredith Donaldson, Marilyn McLeod, Zainab Jasim, and Susie Adams (1st VP). In the back row: Sharon Schneeberger (2nd VP), Kate Canterbury, Elaine Blodgett, Pam Springsteel, Mary Hayden (treasurer), Linda Headrick, Carol Schreiber (secretary), Mahree Skala (President), Barbara Hoppe. This grouping includes five past Presidents: Elaine Blodgett, Marilyn McLeod, Diane Suhler, Carol Schreiber and Barbara Hoppe, all of whom are still on the Board. Past Presidents who were at the Annual Meeting but no longer serve on the Board include Joni O'Connor and Win Colwill. Photo by Suzanne Stilwell.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting in the Friends Room of the Columbia Public Library and on Zoom. It was great to get together again in person. We had a full house and well over the number needed for a quorum. We were pleased to see so many new and long-time members there, including Win Colwill, Joni O'Connor, numerous past LWVCBC Presidents, and past Board Members Kathryn Allen and Dick Parker.

Mayor Barbara Buffaloe was our guest speaker and shared:

- What she likes and doesn't like about being referred to as Columbia's second woman Mayor.
- How important it is for local governments to have leeway and flexibility in meeting the unique desires and needs of their communities.
- Her approach and goals as Mayor.

The Eleanor Goodge Award was presented to Meredith Donaldson to recognize her excellent work for the League. An article in the April Voter detailed her many contributions over the (cont'd on page 4)

APRIL 30 LWVCBC ANNUAL MEETING

(continued from pg. 3) years to our League. Congratulations to Mahree Skala, our new President for the next two years; Susie Adams, new to the Board and 1st Vice President; Carol Schreiber, Secretary; and Mary Hayden, Treasurer. Other Board Members re-elected for the next two years were Barbara Hoppe, Linda Hendrick, Marilyn McLeod, Elaine Blodgett, Pam Springsteel, Renee Powell. Zainab Jasim was reappointed to the Board. Thanks to all of you for being willing to serve.

See the Annual Report, which was emailed to all members and is also on our website, and the list of "Friends of the LWVCBC" for a summary of what we have accomplished this past year and all the organizations and people we have collaborated with. If you are interested in serving on the Board next year, let our nominating committee for next year know of your interest. They are Linda Smith, Ene Chippendale, and Susan Koenig. Or you can let any current Board Member know or send an email to lwvcbc@gmail.com.

— Barbara Hoppe
Former President, LWVCBC



LWVCBC members enjoy the April 30 Annual Meeting at the public library. Photo by Barbara Hoppe.

LUELLA COMMITTEE UPDATE

The birthday celebration planned for Luella St. Clair Moss on June 25, 2023, has been postponed because the construction of the next Columbia Public School has been delayed until the 2024/25 school year. We will plan another celebration in the spring of 2024.

— Pam Springsteel, Chair
Luella Committee



AFTERNOON TEA IN HONOR OF LUELLA ST. CLAIR MOSS



The April 1 Afternoon Tea held in honor of Luella St. Clair Moss at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall was a fun and joyful event. Pictured at top left are Win Colwill, Marilyn McLeod, Pam Springsteel, and Barbara Hoppe. At top right, Joni O'Connor and Kathryn Allen. At lower left, attendees enjoy festive treats. Pictured at the lower right is Cindy Mustard. Photos by Suzanne Stilwell.

One of the first woman college presidents in the nation, Luella St. Clair Moss also advocated for women's right to vote, served on the Columbia School Board and was the first woman in Missouri to run for Congress. Our League continues to celebrate the life of educator and suffragist Luella St. Clair Moss and encourage the school board to name a school for her.

REPORT ON THE 66TH MISSOURI LWV CONVENTION

This year, the LWVMO convention, held May 6 in Columbia at the Broadway Christian Church, was an in-person event. The last state convention was online due to the pandemic.

Although some members might have preferred a hybrid event, it seemed best to meet in person since interactive debate and voting are essential for a convention. And although most of our time was spent conducting business, members clearly enjoyed seeing each other, maybe meeting each other for the first time, interacting, and networking in person. Although the convention ended about half an hour earlier than expected (!), many members stayed and enjoyed the live interaction.

There were 51 local LWV delegates and nine state League board members in attendance, plus five observers. The Columbia League had a full slate of delegates to represent our League.

Columbia hosted the event, so our members not only participated officially as delegates but also were members of the various convention committees.

Several Columbia members, including Sharon Schneeberger, Barbara Hoppe, Mahree Skala and Dan Viets, answered questions about our two local studies — Local Control and Adult-Use Marijuana — and also about our suggested changes to the LWVMO Public Policy Program (submitted during the biennial "State Program Planning" earlier this year). All of our proposed additions and changes were approved and will become part of the LWVMO Guide to State Action.

Three Columbia members were re-elected to the state board, including Carol Schreiber as

secretary, Diane Suhler as treasurer, and Marilyn McLeod as president.

Meredith Donaldson, Barbara Hoppe, Zainab Jasim, Pam Springsteel, Kathryn Allen, and Linda Smith took care of registration, bringing or picking up and arranging the food, and all the little details that needed doing. Other members participated in the convention committees, including Joni O'Connor and Win Colwill.

It was a happy surprise that this location happened to be Linda Smith's church, so she was familiar with the facility, and she was able to be extra helpful in that regard.

Sharon Schneeberger stepped in and assisted with the technology. She took the time to check out the system in advance, which was extremely helpful as it is tricky to hold a meeting in a place where we have to set up technology within an hour of the event's start.

Carol Schreiber did an amazing job leading the heavy-duty part of the business meeting and saved the day with her calm control of the part of the agenda that was potentially fraught with "issues." I think that her demeanor and, quite frankly, her overall competence led to a successful convention approval of the various issues under discussion.

Since Columbia sits so conveniently in the center of the state, don't be surprised if we are asked again to host other LWVMO events.

I could not be more grateful to work with such a great group of people and thankful for the extra work you did to make this event a success!

— Marilyn McLeod, President, LWVMO



Left to right, Meredith Donaldson, Barbara Hoppe, Sheryl Eufinger (KC League), Sharon Schneeberger, and Carol Schreiber.

MAY 6 MISSOURI LWV BIENNIAL CONVENTION



Mahree Skala, Barbara Hoppe, Win Colwill, and Catherine Stenger (from St. Louis) – at the LWVMO Merchandise table. Meredith Donaldson is in the background. Convention photos by Jean Dugan. For more information and photos from the convention, see the May-June newsletter of the LWVMO.

CLIMATE AND ENERGY UPDATE - EARTH DAY

Our LWVCBC Booth on Earth Day was a great success. See a photo of the booth on the next page. Lots of people enjoyed taking the Climate Quiz to win either Non-GMO Heirloom veggie seeds to plant or honey-roasted sunflower kernels to eat.

Many people stopped by to sign and address pre-written postcards advocating for legislation and action to address climate change. More than 50 postcards were signed, stamped, and mailed to various elected officials.

We also had information on the advantages of thermal heat use and advocated for the City of Columbia Utility to reach 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Our booth also sported a clothesline with a list of the many positive impacts of line drying clothes, reminding people that their everyday actions, both big and small make a difference.

Much thanks to Win Colwill, Dick Parker, and Sharon Schneeberger, who helped plan the booth with me and to Sarah Seat, Margaret

Tyler, and David Leuthold, who joined us to work at the booth. Thanks also to Linda Smith, who lined up League Members Marilyn McLeod, Judy Maseles, Theresa Gonzales and Nancy Holwick to register voters and do change of address forms. Thanks also to Sharon Schneeberger, who spoke on behalf of the LWVCBC at the MU Climate March the day before.

Thanks also go to Mike Sleadd, Dick Parker, and Sharon Schneeberger, who helped put up the booth, and to Linda Smith and her husband, as well as Dick Parker and Mike Lising, who took down the booth at the end of the day.

If you want to join the Climate and Energy Committee please contact me at yesforparks@hotmail.com. We would love to have you join us as we decide how best to weigh in this year at local, state and national levels on this critical issue.

— Barbara Hoppe, CoChair
Climate and Energy Committee



Upcoming League Events!



MAY/JUNE 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 LWVCBC Annual Mtg 2-4pm	MAY 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Mental Health for Golden Oldies Lunch & Learn Zoom at Noon	10	11	12	13
14	15 LWVCBC Board Meeting 5:30pm Zoom	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3
4	5	6 Board Planning Meeting, Library Room B, 3-5pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 LWVCBC Board Meeting 5:30pm Zoom	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1



The annual Columbia Earth Day Festival was held on Sunday, April 23rd, in Downtown Columbia and Peace Park.

The LWVCBC had a table and presence that was interesting, informative, and promoted action. See page seven for the details about the event. Photo by Barbara Hoppe.

LWV Officers:
 President: Mahree Skala (474-2195)
 1st VP: Susie Adams
 2nd VP: Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
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 Treasurer: Mary Hayden

Elected Directors:
 Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
 Kate Canterbury (214-536-1300)
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 Linda Headrick
 Barbara Hoppe (424-9668)
 Marilyn McLeod (239-3708)
 Ruth Milledge
 Rene Powell (864-4087)
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)
 Diane Suhler (443-0549)

Appointed Director:
 Zainab Jasim

Committee Chairs:
 Budget: Open
 Civil Liberties: Pam Springsteel
 Education: Zona Burk
 Energy & Climate: Barbara Hoppe & Sharon Schneeberger, Co-chairs
 ERA: Susan Koenig
 Fundraising: Open
 Health: Mahree Skala
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Luella Committee: Pam Springsteel
 Lunch & Learn: Barbara Hoppe
 Membership: Meredith Donaldson
 Mental Health: Mahree Skala
 Social Media: Sharon Schneeberger
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MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to New Members:
 Courtney Daniels and Janice Wiese-Fales
 Win Colwill is now a Life Member

We now have 229 members.

In Memoriam:
Member Jack Kultgen passed on May 20.

2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

League of Women Voters Columbia-Boone County

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