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From the President:

First, may I wish you a very special Holiday season from now until the New Year. Elections are over and many have let out a sigh of relief. I want to express my very special, never ending thanks to Kathleen Farrell who made sure the Voters Guide information was gathered and forwarded to the Post Dispatch. It was printed and distributed in the newspapers on October 22nd. It was on line before that to provide information to absentee voters. Also never ending thanks to Pat Jones who coordinated the congressional forums with about 800 total attendance, the County Executive forum with 250 attending and several other more minor but important forums -- easy to say but not easy to do. These individuals showed special leadership. And thanks to the many volunteers, who made these events happen; I cannot begin to list everyone or this would go on for pages. Members called people to answer our candidate questionnaire for the Guide, entered/pasted information into the Post Dispatch database, proofed the Guide, and drove all around the metropolitan area delivering Guides to libraries and other locations. For the forums they womanned and manned the locations and answered questions from people in line an hour before the forum, handed out and collected index cards for questions, timed the candidates, and moderated the forums. Kathleen Farrell did an incredible job of moderating the first congressional forum with a heckler in the audience just feet from her. Very special thanks also go to our Executive Director, Anna Mennerick, who had all events and possible alternatives well organized; everything could not have gone smoother. Another thanks to Sydell Shayer who took on the jobs of researching the issues of the earnings tax ballot issue, writing articles that fully explained the issue and attending many coalition meetings. I think this demonstrates how the League gets things done; everyone does a part and great things happen. It is team work; some spending hours, other one hour, the League is a team. I hope this will inspire you to join the team. Call the office to see what job we have for you. There is more that we need to do to serve our community.

Linda McDaniel, President LWVSTL

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CALENDAR

Fri.	Dec 10	10:00am	International Relations	p. 9	STLC Library Hdqrts
Sat.	Dec. 11	9:30-11:30	Education Committee	p. 9	League Office
Sat.	Dec. 11	12 – 2:00	WiHoLeGre	p.13	La Gra
Sun.	Dec. 12	3:00-5:00	Human Rights Day	p.7	History Museum
Tues.	Dec. 14	5:30	Environmental Quality Committee	p. 9	League Office
Mon.	Dec 20	5:00-10:00	Winter Wonderland	p. 8	Tilles Park

Dec 24 - Jan. 2 OFFICE CLOSED

ISSUES OF INTEREST



AIR POLLUTION and AIR QUALITY

Our “carbon footprint” is a fancy name for measuring how much carbon dioxide you produce. Whether or not you believe carbon dioxide is the cause of global warming, it is harmful to the environment and when you reduce your carbon footprint you not only help the environment, reduce air pollution and save money. Scientists have shown that air pollution from cars, factories and power plants is a major cause of asthma attacks. And more than 159 million Americans -- over half the nation's population -- live in areas with bad air. A research study published in 2002 estimated that 30 percent of childhood asthma is due to environmental exposures, costing the nation \$2 billion per year. Studies also suggest that air pollution may contribute to the development of asthma in previously healthy people. Ground level ozone, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxides are produced by car emissions and coal generated power plants. Energy conservation – merely replacing lights with CFL or LED can reduce power consumption and reduce need for additional coal generated power plants. Simple steps such as when you purchase a new car look at the gas mileage; consider a hybrid, alternative fuels or more efficient vehicles. Ride the metro, bus, bicycle or walk for short trips. Combine automobile trips and do not ride alone: car pool to meetings at the League Office, to church etc can help to reduce your energy consumption and help to save money and improve the air we breathe.

When you drive - drive wisely:

- 1. Idling:** You'll save gas and reduce emissions by turning the engine off and restarting it when you would otherwise idle for two minutes or more.
- 2. Stop-and-go driving:** Avoid travel during congested, peak rush-hour traffic. Try to smooth your driving by accelerating and decelerating gradually, anticipating stops and starts for traffic lights, changing traffic speeds and so on.
- 3. Park your car in shaded areas** whenever possible, besides keeping your car's interior more comfortable, you will lessen pollution and wasted fuel that results from gasoline evaporating from the engine and gas tank.
- 4. High engine loads:** Besides using your car's air conditioner, quick acceleration, high speeds, climbing grades, revving the engine and carrying or pulling extra weight all make the engine work harder. Leave earlier when making a trip to avoid the need to speed.
- 5. Reduce drag:** To save gas and cut emissions, don't carry unneeded items in your vehicle, and reduce drag by carrying cargo inside rather than on your roof racks.
- 6. Maintain Your Car and all gas engines (including lawn mower, boats etc)**

Indoor air pollution can also contribute to health problems. We will have more information in future articles as we approach our Unit Presentation in March.

Mickey Croyle

REPEAL THE DEATH PENALTY

The League of Women Voters of Missouri, in coalition with Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (MADP) is working to Repeal the Death Penalty in the 2011 Missouri legislative session. One of the ways we can demonstrate broad public support for this effort is by getting individuals to state their support for repeal. You can make a difference by signing the following form and either bringing it to the next unit meeting, or to the League office or mailing it to the KC address listed below.

The Illinois League hopes to get its legislature to repeal the death penalty in its veto session coming up next week. There is strong effort in Texas for abolition. Let's make our effort in Missouri broad based and strong.

Sydell Shayer



Repeal the Death Penalty in Missouri

MADP, 201 Westport Rd, KC, MO 64111 816-931-4177 www.madpmo.org

I know that capital punishment is a public program in Missouri.

I know that our tax dollars are being used to support this program, despite alternative programs and sentencing options that provide meaningful criminal justice at significantly lower cost to taxpayers.

I know the death penalty can be unfairly used and that mistakes have been made.

I know the death penalty has not been shown to effectively deter crime.

I know that capital punishment is a bloated government program that bogs down law enforcement, delays justice for victims' families, and devours millions of crime-fighting dollars which could otherwise save lives and protect the public.

- - Tear here: keep the top part; complete and give the bottom part to MADP - -

I support repeal of the death penalty system in Missouri.

Name _____

Organization: - The League of Women Voters of St. Louis

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

ELECTION 2010

LWVUS President Visits STL



On October 22nd, National League President Elisabeth MacNamara paid a visit to St. Louis. On the last leg of her cross state visit, Elisabeth met with the Board for an enjoyable meal in St. Charles before moving on to the St. Charles Community College, where she moderated the Forum for the U.S. Representative 2nd District. She remarked that she is seeing the same issues across the country during the election. Unfriendly audiences and less than cooperative candidates or their representatives have often changed the tone of the forums. As a result of this, the national office is compiling a resource for leagues containing the preparations undertaken by leagues in anticipation of difficult crowds and the actual occurrences.

Kathleen Farrell and Linda McDaniel shared their experiences with Elisabeth while she was here. Those in attendance enjoyed meeting with Elisabeth and hope she will have occasion to visit again when she can speak to more of the members.

LEAGUE HOSTS SOUTH AMERICAN OFFICIALS

On Election day the League office had a visit from four gentlemen from South America, Sebastian Bowen, Chile, Executive Director/Founder of Frecuencia Publica; Josue Puluc Perez, Guatemala Legal Representative and President, VIJOVEN; Jose Noe Cortes Moncada, Honduras, Executive Secretary, National Party of Honduras; Eric Garcia Hernandez, Panama, Coordinator of Plans and Projects, Ministry of Economics and Finance; and Juan Jose Portillo Rangel, Venezuela, Secretary, Economic Development, Government of Zulia State. They were visiting several states for a 21 day tour sponsored by the Department of States International Visitor Leadership Program, *Grassroots Democracy and Citizen Participation in the Political Process*. The visit in St. Louis was facilitated by the World Affairs Council. We met with them for about an hour and half through an interpreter. We talked about the suffragists and activity of the League today, voters guides, candidate forums, study, positions and advocacy. They asked great questions about how we got members, how we are funded, why it took so long for the 19th Amendment to be passed, why men would not vote for it. It was a great discussion, including their pointing out how many women today are involved in and head their governments. We ended with an expression of gratitude to the suffragist for leading the way for women not just in America.



VOTERS GUIDES and PROP A EFFORT: a Perspective

I would like to say that I am very proud of the role of our League in informing voters about the November 2, 2010 election. The “Voters Guide” in collaboration with the Post-Dispatch under the leadership of Kathleen Farrell and Linda McDaniel and the Candidates Forums under the leadership of Pat Jones and Linda McDaniel were League Voter Service at its best.

I am equally proud of our League’s advocacy in opposition to Proposition A. Unfortunately, it did pass statewide which means that both the City of St. Louis and Kansas City are required to vote next April on whether they want to retain or eliminate the sales tax. Fortunately, the proposition failed in each city which indicates that voters there know that voting to eliminate the earnings tax would be devastating for their cities. But we cannot take anything for granted. The campaign to continue the earnings tax is starting now for the April election. You will be hearing about that in future “In League Reporters”

Quick review of our advocacy work on Prop A

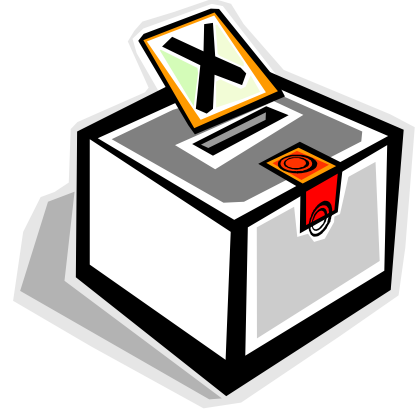
- The League was very visible in the campaign and got lots of community recognition.
- The League board and the League units received briefings on the ballot issue so that members would be able to advocate knowledgeably.
- A League release was published in its entirety in the “St. Louis American”
- A three minute commentary was aired on KWMU with positive feedback from the public.
- An article appeared in every issue of our “In League Reporter” since the fall.
- I attended weekly meetings of the anti-Prop A Coalition called United for Missouri Priorities
- The League office distributed about 70 Vote No on Prop A yard signs.
- League distributed a stack of Vote No fliers.
- Eight League volunteers made about 300 calls at a telephone bank.
- Had an op-ed piece in the Post Dispatch disputing the proponents “Let the Voters Decide” CAMPAIGN.”
- Had a brief letter to the editor in the Post Dispatch 2 weeks before the election.
- Had long letter to the editor in the St. Louis Jewish Light the week before the election.
- Had a League sign on the platform and League member attendance at the St. Louis Metropolitan Congregation United Rally in Kiener Plaza
- One League member went door to door dropping off literature in her neighborhood.
- The League telephone service answered questions on Prop A
- A couple of League members worked the polls in opposition to Prop A
- In addition local Leagues throughout the state had their own anti-Prop A activities.

One of the positive outcomes of this campaign was the contacts we made with community members from other organization with whom we worked in coalition.

Sydell Shayer

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At the October Board meeting, the LWVSTL Board approved the recommendation of the Investment Committee to write a job description for the position of Part-time Development Professional. This individual would write grants for the organization and support the solicitation of other potential donors. It is estimated that this effort would require approximately \$10,000 per year. The Board also approved the position of Volunteer Coordinator. This would be a part-time position. Hopefully a league member will be interested in this. As job descriptions are written and a specific pay scale is decided upon, the information will be posted on appropriate websites and in the In League Reporter. The Volunteer Coordinator Details are on page 8.



Thoughts on Questions from the Fall 2010 Candidate Forums

We've all heard the statement, "The only dumb question is the one not asked." I think it is safe to say that during the Fall 2010 Candidate Forums, there were very few questions not asked. Various League members have recently inquired about the type of questions submitted at the forums. I decided to ask some of our wonderful League volunteers who collected, sorted, and read the cards to share their thoughts about the questions.

"There were far too many personal questions." This quote from Agnes Garino, a card sorter at the St. Louis County Executive Candidate Forum, is an accurate summary of many of the questions at all six forums. In addition to the personal nature of the questions, Agnes thought that a "lot of questions were from each candidate's supporters, some pro for their candidate, some definitely an effort to put the opposition on the spot."

Kathleen Farrell moderated three of the six forums; she saw a lot of questions and had this observation: "There were many more questions this time around that were not true questions that attempted to get information. Rather they seemed to be set ups for stumping candidates, setting them up to say something that would hurt their credibility. On the other side, you could pick out the 'fan' questions- softballs to make a candidate look good." Kathleen said that some of the questions had "ideological assumptions in them which were very clearly announced."

Because of the large number of forum attendees, stacks and stacks of cards were distributed. Some people wrote long diatribes on the front and back of cards. Agnes stated that there were "many more questions than I anticipated." Card sorters were essential. The questions were grouped according to subjects such as jobs, the economy, health care, education, and immigration. Esther Clark, card collector at the



U.S. Representative 3rd District Forum in Arnold, said that the card sorters "working behind the scenes choosing which questions to use had their work cut out for them." Esther went on to say, "They did a good job of sorting out the good ones, combining and rephrasing some of the others that were very slanted and outright insulting."

The U.S. Representative 3rd District race presented a challenge for the League, not only because of the contentious nature of the race, but because the League was asked to sponsor and moderate two forums for the candidates. The first forum was held at Forest Park Community College and the second at the Arnold Rec. Center. I think League volunteers for both of these forums would agree that the near capacity crowds and large quantity of questions added to the challenge.

Mary Long, card sorter at both 3rd District Forums, had this to say about the questions, "A very large number of questions at both 3rd district forums were personal attacks from supporters of one candidate trying to embarrass the other candidates. The majority of people attending were not there to learn but were the organized supporters of one of the candidates. Huge numbers of questions at both forums had to be discarded as totally inappropriate. I think it is good that we did this but it was a disheartening first hand look at a not too attractive side of the public."

Dixie Buford, card collector at the 3rd District Forum at Forest Park Community College, had a more positive view of the questions: "I thought MOST of the questions were reasonable, thoughtful, and appropriate. The 'off-the-wall' questions were the minority. There were many duplicates which is understandable."

The tone of the questions and answers varied from one forum to the next. While the 3rd District Forums attracted some audience members who were disruptive and asked inappropriate questions, the behavior of the candidates and audience at the forum for the State Representative 94th District in Kirkwood was considered to be more dignified. Esther, who collected and sorted cards at the Kirkwood forum, stated that the “questions and answers were more thoughtful and informational.”

The St. Louis County Executive Candidate Forum was distinctive from the other forums because a panel of three political science professors asked the candidates follow-up questions. Agnes thought the panel “added another dimension that seemed effective, making sure issues that should be of general interest got addressed.”

Two of the three candidates running for the U.S. Representative 2nd District participated in a

forum at St. Charles Community College that was not as well attended as the other forums this fall. The absence of the incumbent was unfortunate, but a wide range of questions about the issues were covered at this very civil forum.

The League’s Candidate Forums are built around **questions about issues** written on cards. Unfortunately, the issues are often overshadowed by misrepresentation of facts, negativity, and personal attacks which are reflected in the questions. It is easy to become discouraged, and to think that the “dumb” questions far outweigh the legitimate questions, but that is precisely why it is so important for the League to continue its commitment to providing nonpartisan public forums to the community.

Pat Jones,
Chairperson for Forums

UPCOMING EVENTS

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Fellow activists for peace and justice, the annual Human Rights Day celebration is to be held **December 12** in the AT&T Multipurpose room of the Missouri History Museum on Lindell Blvd. in Forest Park from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Cash prizes are to be given and the winners will read their essays.

For more information, contact Ron Glossop, member of the committee of the sponsoring St. Louis Coalition for Human Rights. Co-sponsored by Citizens for Global Solutions of St. Louis and maybe also by UNA of St. Louis and League of Women Voters of St. Louis and other organization.

LOOKING FOR OBSERVER CORPS VOLUNTEERS!!

Part of the League’s mission is to be well informed about what our government is doing. An effective way of doing that is to train and deploy volunteers to just attend and observe government bodies. It might sound tedious, but that’s what it takes to really know what’s going on, and if you stick with it, you become an expert! We need to grow our experts. If you are interested in becoming an Observer, please email Kathleen Kelly @ dkbkmk01@swbell.net or call 314.533.3972.

WINTER WONDERLAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

They want us back! The St. Louis County Parks have chosen us to work again at the Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park. This is a beautiful display so be sure to let all your friends know about it and that League volunteers will be working again this year.

We will work the evening of Monday, December 20th. We will need 6 volunteers at all times and will have two shifts 5:00-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-10:00 p.m.

For giving our time, the League of Women Voters Information Service will receive a check for \$500.

It can be wet—it can be cold so dress warmly—and it is a lot of fun.

Please call Barbara Elbrecht at 314.962.2821 to let her know when you would like to volunteer and we do thank you for your help.

As you leave, you get to drive through the park to enjoy this great display!

Barbara Elbrecht, Chair



WOMEN'S ISSUES LEGISLATIVE RETREAT

Friday January 7 – Saturday January 8, 2011

Enjoy a weekend with friends, food and politics as you learn how the new legislators will make an impact in Jefferson City and what can be expected from the 2011 legislative session. The workshop begins at 8:00pm on Friday and concludes at 2:30pm on Saturday.

For more information about rooms, meals, cost, etc., contact Grace Butler at 573-449-8062 or sbreeze@mindspring.com or gbutler1111@aol.com.

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St. Louis, MO 63144

Please describe your interest, office,
and/or volunteer management skills.

COMMITTEES AT WORK



HEALTH CARE

The Health Care Committee will not meet in December.

Katharine Kilpatric, Chair

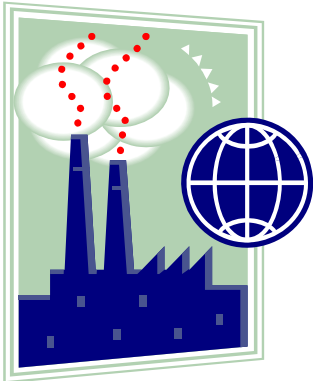
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Relations Committee will be meeting on December 10th at 10am at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters.

Judith Smart, Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE



The next meeting of the EQ Committee will be December 14 at the League Office at 5:30 pm. Dessert will be provided. The topic for this year is Environmental Quality and Sustainability. Contact EQ Chair, Mickey Croyle (mcroyle@wustl.edu or 314.395.7876) with suggestions or questions. We will continue to work on preparing for the March Unit Meeting and planning a General Meeting.

Mickey Croyle, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee will be Saturday, December 11, 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the League office prior to the Holiday Luncheon.

Please note this is the **SECOND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER.**

Marty Ott, Chair

314.434.0330



FALL CONFERENCE at SEDALIA

State President Lois Detrick welcomed attendees to the conference at the State Fair Community College in Sedalia on Saturday, November 6th. In “the Pipeline” was the Springfield League. They presented an event they sponsored in May, “Empowering Women, Inspiring Women; Encouraging Women.” The event was a great success and several leagues stated they could do a similar event in their communities. Roundtables were conducted for presidents, membership chairs, development chairs, and legislative action chairs. This was probably the most helpful part of the day. Everyone attending participated in one of the groups, so there was information and opinions from various leagues in each group. After lunch Elaine Blodgett gave a report on the idea of Civil Discourse events. Nancy Miller from LWVSTL shared information about the event planned for February in St. Louis. Several leagues want to be kept in the loop about this and several members expressed an interest in attending the event in St. Louis. The National LWV Board Liaison, Janis McMillan, gave a short presentation about the activities at national, especially the utilization of the Vote411 website in the months before the 2010 general election. St Louis President Linda McDaniel gave an excellent presentation on the upcoming reapportionment for legislative seats, including the league’s involvement in the process. Jo Sapp, immediate past president of the LWVMO covered the PAVP (Public Advocacy for Voter Protection) grant state-wide. The picture Voter ID issue would be part of this. State Treasurer Debbie Howard ended the meeting cheerfully handing out door prizes and thanks for attending.

PROMOTING CIVIL DISCOURSE IN AN UNCIVIL TIME

SAVE THE DATES: Saturday, February 5th and February 26th,

9:30-12:30am at Forest Park Community College.

*The League of Women Voters of St. Louis and
Washington University School of Law present:*

How to Have Civil Discussions in Uncivil Times

Moderator: C.J. Larkin, Senior Lecturer in Law, WU

*These workshops will prepare you to engage in and promote thoughtful,
civil conversations about controversial issues in your community. The demonstration issue
will be the impact of Immigration on all levels of government.*

More information will be sent in the January ILR.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Leaguers were extremely busy since our last newsletter. Our faithful and ever helpful volunteers assisted by answering phone calls, delivering voter guides, and working on the newsletter . Thanks to: Brenda Banjak, Barb Behiter, Yvonne Blair, Mary Brown, Doris Buzzell, Esther Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Sue Dellbringge, Kathleen Farrell, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Debby Howard, Pat Jones, Kathleen Kelly, Katharine Kilpatric, Mary Long, Linda McDaniel, Tom Mennerick, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Carolyn Nolan, Marty Ott, Mary Parker, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Jean Srenco, Enid Tennebaum, Tommy Thiess, Patti Walley, K Wentzien and Ida West. If we have omitted anyone's name please let us know and we publish it in the next newsletter.

Julie Behrens, Staff

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In memory of Becky Clausen's mother from Kathleen Kelly to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Jean Dean from Vivian Schmidt to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Marjorie Reinhart from Vivian Schmidt to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Selma Schlafman from Stuart & Toby Epstein and Marta & Mike Goldberg and Carol Portman and Judith Ugalde to LWV St. Louis.

In memory of Selma Schlafman from Nancy Georgen and Michael & Laurie Vander Velde to LWV Information Service.

MEMORIAL

Selma Schlafman died October 29 at the age of 102. Until recently she lived in her University City home (with help). Am sure the home was filled with LWV papers. Selma told me some time ago she doesn't throw anything away. Her late husband, Rubin, was the "go to" person for information about the University City budget. Selma was not far behind in her knowledge of University City history. In the days of individual Leagues, Selma was a fixture at all LWV of University City meetings lending us her knowledge so we "did it right." The family requests tributes to LWV.

Carol Portman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS – Anna Mennerick

Julie finally admitted to me that there really isn't a slow season in the League office as I had previously been led to believe. I am so grateful to the volunteers that help keep things humming and the information flowing. I will just continue to hang on and do what I can to support the tremendous efforts of all of you. Thank you all for making the League happen.



The League of Women Voters Information Service Presents

Shadowlands

A play by William Nicholson.

The show explores the unlikely love story between Oxford professor C. S. Lewis (author of The Narnia Chronicles) and American poet Joy Gresham. The story also deals with his struggle with personal pain and grief: Lewis preaches that one should endure suffering with patience, but finds that the simple answers he had preached no longer apply when Joy becomes afflicted with cancer and eventually dies.

Presented by:



Saturday February 5

12:30-1:30 - Buffet Reception

2:00-4:30 - Performance

Doors open at 2:30

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\$55 per person

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\$300 - 4 tickets reserved seating

\$150 - 2 tickets, reserved seating

**sponsors will be acknowledged in the program*

A Very Special Thank You to Brenda Banjak and Marjorie Courtney

Thanks to Brenda Banjak, who served as volunteer coordinator for the past several years. She was always ready to take up the banner and get Leaguers into the office to help with phone calls during peak election times. She was also in charge of having volunteers assist with the League mailings.

Thanks to Marj Courtney who is retiring from chairing the Speakers Bureau. Marj served as chair for the last several years, first as a board member and then continued the position in an off-board capacity. She was able to match requests from schools and organizations with a Leaguer who provided information on various topics, including ballot information and general information regarding voting and League topics of interest.

Enjoy your retirement!

If you are interested in the position of Speakers Bureau Chair please contact the office or a board member for Volunteer Chair (now a paid position) see page 8.

You are cordially invited to the
League of Women Voters annual holiday party



WiHoLeGre*

*Winter Holiday Legislators' Greet

See your League friends for the holidays AND
meet your Missouri legislators

Saturday, December 11, 12-2 p.m.

At **La Gra** in the Dogtown Neighborhood

1227 Tamm about 3 blocks south of Oakland on the west side of street

(Be prepared for on-street parking)

Tapas/Italian buffet included in \$23 cost for members and non-members.

Food's great! This helps us cover the cost of our legislators.

Cash bar available.

You really **MUST** RSVP to the League office by Wednesday, December 8.

(This helps us match you with your legislators.)

314-961-6869

This will be a mix-and-mingle somewhat similar to our "speed dating" approach at a previous meeting. There will be no single presentation, but we are asking each legislator attending to prepare their two-minute talk about their legislative priorities, and we'll rotate League members through several legislators. If legislator turn-out is poor, we have Plan B also involving you in interesting discussion.

*The story behind WiHoLeGre: Recently I joined a writer's group. When I arrived they were talking about Na-No-Wri-Mo excitedly. I learned this is National Novel Writing Month, November. Na-No-Wri-Mo had become part of their lives. Since then, I've seen three imitations of Na-No-Wri-Mo, so the idea must be cool. I want the League to be kinda cool, don't you?—Nancy Thompson

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

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