



**IN LEAGUE REPORTER**  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS**  
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**From the President:**

Dear Members and Friends,

The League of Women Voters has worked hard to register new voters, but we cannot take all the credit for the huge voter turnout expected on election day. The war; our nation’s image and standing in the world; the struggle over roles and powers amongst the three branches of our government; the need for a global perspective as starkly illustrated by the financial crisis and climate changes are some of the issues that have commanded the public’s attention. The vast number of newly registered voters is a measure not only of competition for political power but a general sense that we need to reassess our strategies for dealing with a changing world.

Writing this reminded me of the monumental tasks facing the new League of Women Voters in 1920 after passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Their agenda was to “become familiar with all laws on the subjects under consideration; recommend legislative programs; prepare and issue literature on their subjects and---education of citizens of the country.”\* Considering the formidable array of issues facing us today, we still have plenty of work to do.

Sincerely,

*Doris Buzzell*

\**The League of Women Voters in St. Louis The First 40 Years 1919-1959 by Avis Carlson 1959;*  
 The League of Women Voters of St. Louis

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**CALENDAR**

Tues.	Nov. 4	ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.	
Thurs.	Nov. 6	10:30 AM Health Care Committee	pg 4 Cape Albeon Ret. Com.
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Fri.	Nov. 14	10:00 AM International Relations Committee	pg 3 St. Louis County Library
Tue.	Nov. 11	5:30 PM Environmental Quality Committee	pg 4 League Office
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## November Unit Meetings

### Local Unit Choice

#### **WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD**

Wednesday, November 12

9:30 a.m. meeting

Topic: Health Care

HOME OF K WENTZIEN

227 South Maple

314-961-0894

Leader: Mary Long

314-849-7045

West on Lockwood past City Hall to Maple. House on the right.

#### **WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD**

Thursday, November 13

7:00 p.m.

Topic: Group discussion after viewing

“Driven to Despair”, originally aired on “Now.”

This PBS program investigates the connections between the mortgage crisis, the high price of gasoline, urban sprawl & problems with our transportation infrastructure.

LEAGUE OFFICE

8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104

314-961-6869

Leader: Esther Clark

314-416-0366

#### **ST. LOUIS CITY UNIT**

Saturday, November 8

10:30 a.m.

Topic: “The City and Its Challenges:

What’s next for St. Louis.

TRINITY CHURCH

Euclid and Washington

Contact: Betty Ann Gilbert

314-773-8719

Corner of Euclid and Washington, one block east of Kingshighway, one block south of Delmar

**UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON\* will not meet in November. Please attend a unit of your choice.**

#### **CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR**

Thursday November 13

9:30 a.m. meeting

Noon salad lunch

Topic: The financial & environmental impact of a

Shopping center being proposed next to Creve Coeur Lake

HOME OF SYDELL SHAYER

709 Champeix Lane

314-434-5116

Leader: Marion Stuvland

636-391-7589

From 270 take Ladue Road west 1.4 miles to Chasselle, Right on Chasselle, at 2<sup>nd</sup> circle, turn right on Champeix, 5<sup>th</sup> house on the right. White house with red sculpture



## **Executive Director's Message**

*Pearlina Boyd*

Dear Members and Friends:

As you glance through the *In League Reporter*, you will notice that we have been immersed in numerous League sponsored activities this past month. We are only days away from this historical election and the LWV office has been very busy and engaged in providing information to the voters of the St. Louis region. Recently, we have seen a tremendous amount of calls coming into the office, and the calls have intensified within the past two weeks.

Once again, this transformational election proves to be a very important one; our nation is facing a critical turning point in regards to domestic and foreign policy issues. Therefore, the League is absolutely delighted to provide area voters with helpful information on statewide and local candidates as well as a thorough analysis of the state and local ballot issues via our new, interactive website, **smartvoter.org**. In addition, printed copies of the Voters Guides were distributed to voters, area libraries and Schnucks Markets across the St. Louis region and its surrounding counties.

If you haven't been to the office recently, we welcome you to come in and visit with us! LWV is YOUR League, and we make every effort to be of service to LWV members. Please feel free to visit with me in the office anytime, contact me by phone at 314-961-6869 or email at [pboyd@lwvmissouri.org](mailto:pboyd@lwvmissouri.org) or [lwvmo@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvmo@yahoo.com).

Please do not forget to encourage your colleagues, relatives and friends to visit the League's new website at **[www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)** to become better informed before they vote on November 4.

Best wishes to all for an informed, effective, and exciting remainder of the election season!



## **THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The International Relations committee continues to study Pakistan. We will have our regular meeting next month at the St. Louis County Library HQ, 10 a.m. on November 14.

We plan to have our annual December sampling of foreign food on December 12 instead of the regular meeting, and we are inviting all League members, spouses, and friends to join us. Since we are studying Pakistan we thought a trip to a restaurant specializing in food of the Indian subcontinent would be called for. We plan to go to the House of India, 8501 Delmar, west of Kingshighway, for their lunch buffet at 11:30. Please call me at 314-846-5927 if you can join us so that I can give the restaurant an approximate number. We have no particular program planned – just dining out and socializing which the IR group always enjoys.

*Judith Smart, IR Chair*

## Health Care Committee



Our organizational meeting was held October 2 at Cape Albeon. A very well informed group discussed various aspects of the health care crisis we face in this country. We agreed by consensus that we would explore further a national health care plan which would include preventive care and early treatment and our interest seemed to be greatest in looking at a single payer plan such as we have with Medicare/Medicaid.

Jo Simpson agreed to draft a letter that could go out to the media stating the League's position on national health care. This would go out over the president's signature.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Cape Albeon. We will begin to formulate a job description for this new committee.

Any who are interested in being a part of the committee may call Katharine Kilpatric at 636-861-7148 for further information.

## Environmental Quality Committee

The Environmental Quality committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the League office. Our next meeting will be November 11.

*Nancy Bowser, Chair*



## Education Committee

We hope you will join us at our next meeting, on Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the League office.



**Vote Informed on November 4th**  
With One Stop Shopping for  
Election Information

On the web at:

<http://www.lwvstl.org> or <http://www.smartvoter.org>

Available in print format – Call or write for your copy.  
Reliable, free information on candidates and issues  
from a trusted, nonpartisan group.

**The League of Women Voters**  
**of St. Louis Information Service**  
*Promoting an Educated & Empowered Electorate*

# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI SUPPORTS PROPOSITION C

## ***The Renewable Energy Standard Initiative***

The League is supporting Proposition C on the November ballot. Proposition C was placed on the ballot by initiative petition. It states:

Shall Missouri law be amended to require investor-owned electric utilities to generate or purchase electricity from renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, biomass and hydropower with the renewable energy sources equaling at least 2% of retail sales by 2011 increasing incrementally to at least 15% by 2021, including at least 2% from solar energy; and restricting to no more than 1% any rate increase to consumers for this renewable energy?

*Among other features, customers will be offered rebates of \$2/watt for on-site solar electric systems. The measure includes certification and enforcement procedures and tradable renewable energy credits. More information is available at [www.missouricleanenergy.org](http://www.missouricleanenergy.org)*

*With passage of Proposition C, Missouri will join a growing number of states that are taking the lead in promoting the production of clean, renewable, homegrown energy. In Missouri, 82% of our energy is generated by coal, a major source of global warming. Last month the LWVUS called for a 10 year moratorium on construction of new coal-fired plants. Missouri has a good potential for renewable resources such as biomass, wind and solar. Technology is rapidly developing to make renewable energy more efficient and cost effective.*

*To quote a report from LWVMO "RES laws are cost-effective and administratively efficient. More than half of new renewable energy capacity developed since 1998 is located in the 26 states with RES policies, states a 2007 Dept. of Energy report; associated rate increases have typically been 1% or less."*

*Spread the word about the importance of Proposition C for our environment, our security and our economy. VOTE YES on Proposition C.*

## **Candidate Forum for Third District U.S. Representative**

A candidate forum took place in Antonia, Missouri (Jefferson County) for the Third District U.S. Representative on Thursday, October 16. The forum, which took place in Fire District Station #2, was well attended. It appeared 70-75 people attended, some of whom stood for the total two hours.

The candidates participating were Chris Sander, Republican; Russ Carnahan, Democrat and incumbent; Kevin Babcock, Libertarian; and Cynthia Redburn, Constitution Party. Esther Clark was time keeper, Marjorie Courtney and James Clark were card collectors, and Helen Herndon moderated.

The audience was engaged, and the written questions poured in. Time ran out with only a few questions not posed to the candidates. The gamut covered by the questions encompassed most of the issues that currently interest a wide variety of citizens and voters. Among those issues were: the economy; the bailout plan; health care; taxes, corporate taxes; unions; abortion; homosexual marriage; socialism, fascism, communism; privatization, term limits, and the death penalty

The forum proved to be a fruitful endeavor in that it proved to be genuinely informative to all who attended. The candidates provided thoughtful and thorough responses to the questions asked of them. This forum is another reminder of the valuable service the League of Women Voters provides the citizens of this country.

Helen Louise Herndon, Candidate Forums Coordinator

# No Cost Fundraising Opportunity

## Attention *Schnucks* Shoppers

*Schnucks* will donate up to 3% of your purchases to the League's Information Service. (LWVIS)

It's as easy as 1 2 3

1. Pick up a *Schnucks* eScrip card at the customer service counter.
2. Activate the card by calling 800-931-6258. Say your charity is the LWVIS, Group # 500015391 or go to [www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp) and follow instructions.
3. Present your card to the cashier for scanning every time you shop at *Schnucks*.

*The League benefits and it costs you nothing.*

\*\*\*Thirty League members are participating in this no cost fundraiser. We hope you will add your name to this list. We receive a check monthly and it requires no soliciting. There is no easier way for you to help the League budget. Join today!

## **WINTER WONDERLAND**

Once again we have been chosen by the St. Louis County Parks to participate in Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park.

We will work the evening of December 12 from 5:00 to 10:00 collecting money as cars drive through the display.

Two-hour shifts work best for the park rangers but we will be happy to have you work for however long you can.

We must have 4 people working at all times. There is a warm-up room where you can warm-up your fingers and toes.

Please call Barbara Elbrecht at 314-962-2821 and let her know when you can help. It's a lot of fun and you get to drive through the display free AND the League receives a check for \$500.00.

## **TAILGATE AND BOOK SALE**

We had beautiful weather and lots of browsers and buyers at our book sale on October 3 and 4 and made \$644.50.

We could have used more books especially bibles and dictionaries, believe it or not. We also would like to have more children's books.

With the money we made from the Labor Day Tailgate Sale, we have a total of \$2499.62.

A big thank you goes to Esther and Jim Clark and Elise and Denny Joerger who hauled books, carried books and sold books both days. A big thank you, too, for Mary Parker who loaded her van with books and magazines at my house and brought them to the Delmar Loop before she headed downtown to register the new citizens.

We also thank those who donated books and we ask that you let us know when you have more books for us. Call Elise Joerger at 314-725-4829, Barbara Elbrecht at 314-962-2821 or bring them to the office.

And remember when you do your fall and spring house cleaning, we need lots of items for the Labor Day Tailgate Sale next year.

## **VOTER REGISTRARS**

A number of League members have requested to register voters. In order to register voters one must be trained and deputized by the County and City Boards of Election. Both Boards of Elections have been too busy to train since last Spring. It probably will be Spring 2009 before another class is held. Please contact the office if you are interested 314-961-6869.

## **DEATH PENALTY PUBLIC FORUM**

Death Penalty Pubic Forum sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee  
Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 4-6:30 pm at the History Museum in Forest Park

-Quest speaker – Joe Armine, exonerated after 17 years in prison based on DNA

-View of Short film – “12 minutes”

-Hear results of Death Penalty surveys.

Free and open to the public. Questions call AFSC at 314-862-5773 ext 10 or 11.

## **SPEAKERS BUREAU**

In addition to our six September speakers listed in the last ILR: DORIS BUZZELL spoke on Sept. 30 to the National Convention of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

For October of this election year, our dedicated Speakers Bureau members spoke on:

- Oct. 1: BILLIE TENEAU for Hickey College in Westport
- Oct. 2: KATHLEEN FARRELL for CORO Women in Leadership Alumnae Assoc.
- Oct. 2: IDA WEST for American Govt. students at Roosevelt High School
- Oct. 5: BILLIE TENEAU for Trinity Episcopal Women's Lunch & Learn group
- Oct. 6: LYNN TIEDE for St. Louis County Civil Retirees Association
- Oct. 7: LOIS BLISS for Grace United Methodist Women's group
- Oct. 7: ARLENE NICKELS for the Tuesday Women's Assoc., Ethical Society
- Oct. 7: BILLIE TENEAU at Voter Information Forum, Grace Hill Settlement House
- Oct. 8: JILL SCHMIDT at "She Votes" promotion, Gr. 3-9 girls, at Girls Inc.-North Co.
- Oct. 10: CAROL PORTMAN at 3 McKnight Assisted Living
- Oct. 12: KATHLEEN FARRELL for Ethical Society Forum
- Oct. IDA WEST for voter education at Places for People
- Oct. 15: NANCY MILLER for Orchard Terrace Retirement Center, South County
- Oct. 20: ARLENE NICKELS for PEO chapter in Ladue
- Oct. 21: LYNN TIEDE for seniors at both St. Joseph & Holy Infant apartments
- Oct. 21: NORMA JEAN DOWNEY for the Shrewsbury AARP group
- Oct. 23: CAROL PORTMAN for J Associates, auxiliary of JCC
- Oct. 24: BILLIE TENEAU at Parkside Meadows Retirement Community, St. Charles
- Oct. 28: CAROL PORTMAN for Women's Alliance, First Unitarian Church
- Oct. 28: KATHLEEN FARRELL for Just Faith program at College Church, SLU
- Oct. 30: DORIS BUZZELL on history of LWV, Cliff Cave library Historic St. L. series

So that's 21 occasions in October when these outstanding members have gone out to inform voters about registration, absentee voting, ballot issues, and the importance of voting. THANKS to all of them for fulfilling our Information Service goals,

*Marjorie Courtney, Coordinator*

**THANKS, THANKS, THANKS**

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave extra time and worked in the office staffing the phones and assisting with our League mailings. An organization is judged by its members and the work they do. League members are terrific.

Julie Behrens

## **MEMBERSHIP**

This has been a great year for membership growth with 20 people joining us since May. It does not stop here. What new members and potential members want to know are the stories of those in the League. With such a rich history in the United States, Missouri and St. Louis, I want to hear from you. No matter when you joined, let us know your story, why you joined, some of the things you have done, what the League is important to you, etc... You can write this out and send it to the office or email me directly at [irishlass97@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irishlass97@sbcglobal.net). Feel free to include your name and unit or just remain anonymous. With such a great history here, let's share our story and history with everyone.

*Patti Walley, Chair*

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

New Members:

Ilene & Dr. Simon Horenstein    Claire Hyman                      Karla Kuntze

## **TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS**

In honor of Maxine Gilner's birthday from Sue Dellbringge to LWV St. Louis.

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## **T-SHIRTS**

**Great Presents for Children, Grandchildren, purchase supports the League**

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