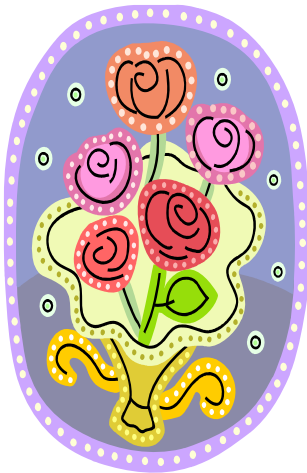




From the President:

It is spring, winter is finally over (I hope). It is time for flowers, bright colors, fresh air and fresh ideas, more seems possible. You will read in this newsletter about how the April Voters Guide, published in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and on our web site www.lwvstl.org is now available. With 900 candidates it was quite a job but led by Kathleen Farrell and with the help of many, many League members it was finished ahead of schedule. Thanks to all.



Our Annual Meeting is April 30th. Plan on coming to help celebrate the past year and plan for the coming year. It is a great time to see and visit with members who attend other units. Together we are the League of Women Voters with the same goals and concerns. See you there.

Linda C McDaniel

**IN LEAGUE REPORTER –APRIL 2011
OF ST. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LOUIS
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CALENDAR

Sat. April 2 9:30 am Education Committee Pg. 9 League Office

Tues. April 5 6am-7pm **ELECTIONS**

**Fri. April 8 6:00 pm International Relations Comm. Pg. 8 Dinner @
(Please note different time and location) Rea Kleeman’s
Tues. April 12 7:00 pm Environmental Quality Comm. Pg. 9 League Office
(Please note time change)**

April 9-14 Unit Meetings Pg. 10-11

Thurs. April 14 10:30 am Health Care Committee Pg. 9 Cape Albion

Sat. April 30 11:30 am LWVSTL ANNUAL MEETING Pg. 5,6,13 Orlando’s

PLANNING AHEAD

Sat.-Sun May 21-22 LWVMO 60th State Convention Pg. 11 Independence, MO

WHERE THE LEAGUE STANDS

Legislation NEW Death Penalty

I was pleased to discover that a bill HB 799 to repeal the death penalty was filed in the legislature recently. It also establishes a Cold Case Investigation Revolving Fund to pay for expenses relating to opening old cases. The sponsor is Susan Carlson who is a freshman legislator representing the 64th district which straddles the west end of the city and parts of the county near Forest Park. Several other sponsors are in our League area, to name a few, Jill Schupp, my rep and Rory Ellinger.

A bill to abolish the death penalty has been introduced in the legislature annually in recent years. Unfortunately, it has always failed to advance. No hearing is scheduled. The League supports HB 799.

A moratorium bill HB 700 is back again. This bill places a moratorium on all executions until January 1, 2014 and establishes a commission to study the use of the death penalty. It describes the makeup of the committee including that is comprised equally of individuals in favor of and in opposition to the death penalty. It sets criteria to ensure that defendants are indeed guilty of first degree murder, defendants are provided adequate and experience counsel, that race plays no role in sentencing, that procedures are adequate to correct errors, and that prosecutors who seek the death penalty use similar criteria. HB 700 has been referred to the Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee. The League supports HB 700.

Sydell Shayer, Advocacy Chrm

Supporting Coalitions is a Good Thing -- Especially if it is Fun Even on a very serious subject

Ever since the League of Woman Voters adopted a position in favor of the abolition of the death penalty, The LWV of Missouri and The LWV of St. Louis have been working in coalition with Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (MADP). In fact many St. Louis League members have signed abolition pledges.

The League depends on MADP for accurate and current data on all subjects pertaining to the death penalty. MADP, like the League, depends on volunteers for most of its work. And like the League, must have funds to function. So this year, MADP is having a fundraiser with dinner, silent auction, awards and entertainment. Former Senators Joan Bray and Rita Days are the award recipients. The BIG SURPRISE is that the price is just \$30 a person. This sounds like a giveaway, rather than a fundraiser. I hope League members will consider attending this event. The tables are designed for five people, but MADP will accommodate League members at a larger table if needed.

MADP Second Annual Fundraising Dinner

**April 30, 2011 6 pm
St. Vincent DePaul Society
100 N. Jefferson Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103**

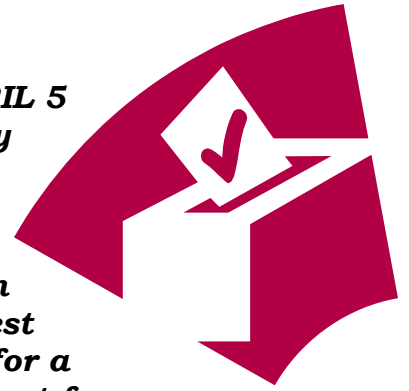
For reservations: Call TC Parsons at 314.556.9267 or visit www.madpmo.org/annualmeeting.html. For more information, e-mail me sleshay@sbcglobal.net or call me at 314.434.5116. I have made five reservations for my family. I hope you will attend also.

Sydell Shayer

ST. LOUIS EARNINGS TAX

City League members. This is a reminder. VOTE YES ON APRIL 5
It is getting close to election day. League members in the city
should contact the League office for a VOTE YES ON PROP E
sign.

All League members should try to attend the Vote Yes rally on
Sunday April 3rd at 3 pm at the World's Fair Pavilion in Forest
Park. It is organized by the earnings tax coalition "Citizens for a
Stronger St. Louis" The purpose for this rally is to show support for
Prop E. NUMBERS COUNT.



Information on Radiation Doses and the Events in Japan

The news reports have been providing some numbers on the radiation doses from the Nuclear Events that have occurred in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami. The numbers can be confusing – what do they mean? When scientists measure radiation, they use different terms depending on whether they are discussing radiation coming from a radioactive source, the radiation dose absorbed by a person, or the risk that a person will suffer health effects (biological risk) from exposure to radiation. The unit of measurement of the amount of radiation received by a person (“radiation dose”) is a millirem. This is similar to the units of inch (for length), ounce (for weight), and degree Fahrenheit (for temperature). Severt (Sv) is the international unit for dose. The stories being reported use radiation dose units like microsieverts (μSv), so keep in mind that 1 millisievert (mSv) = 1000 μSv = 100 millirem (mrem).

Natural Background Radiation and Medical Radiation Exposures

On average, Americans receive about 310 millirem per year of radiation dose from naturally occurring radiation in the environment. This includes radiation from space (cosmic radiation) and from radioactive materials in the soil and rock, the air, food, water, building materials and our own bodies.

One also receives radiation dose from medical and dental procedures in the form of x-rays, CT scans, nuclear medicine, etc. Although the average amount of radiation dose is more than 300 millirem per year, much larger amounts of radiation dose are received by people undergoing diagnosis or treatment for specific medical conditions.

Radiation Exposure	mrem dose	mSv dose
Chest x-ray	10 mrem ¹	0.1 mSv
Upper GI track x-ray	600 mrem ¹	6 mSv
CT Scan of chest or abdomen	800 mrem ¹	8 mSv
Mammogram	70 mrem ¹	0.7 mSv
Dental xray	4–15 mrem ¹	0.04–0.15 mSv
One year of exposure to natural radiation (from soil, cosmic rays, etc.)	310 mrem ¹	3.1 mSv
Exposure to cosmic rays during a roundtrip airplane flight from New York to Los Angeles	3 mrem ¹	0.03 mSv
Flight crews annual exposure	200-300 mrem ¹	2-3 mSv

¹1 mrem = 0.001 Rem or 1 rem = 1000 mrem.

Federal Radiation Safety Limits

In the United States, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) establishes radiation dose limits to protect public health and nuclear facility workers. The limits are based on the current scientific understanding of potential risks from radiation exposure.

- The NRC radiation dose limit for protecting members of the public is 100 millirem per year.
- The NRC radiation dose limit for protecting nuclear workers is 5,000 millirem per year.

Radiation from a Nuclear Power Plant During Routine Operations

As a part of routine electricity production operations, small amounts of radioactive material are released from nuclear power plants into the environment in accordance with requirements that are specified in the plant operating licenses issued by the NRC (US) or the Japanese Nuclear Safety Commission. In the Radiation dose to members of the public from these releases into the air and water are routinely monitored by the plants, the states and the NRC and are documented in public reports submitted to the NRC. The average radiation dose to a person living near a nuclear power plant is much less than 1 millirem per year.

Radiation from a Nuclear Power Plant – Accident Conditions

Under accident conditions at a nuclear power plant, involving fuel damage or melting, radioactive fission products could be released from the fuel elements into water and steam surrounding the fuel within the reactor vessel. Primary fission products include radioactive noble gases (krypton and xenon), iodine and cesium, and to a lesser extent, strontium.

In the boiling water reactor design used at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plants, as insufficient fuel cooling leads to a buildup of temperature and pressure in the reactor, safety relief valves release the steam into a "suppression pool". Among other functions, the suppression pool helps to cool and trap the majority of cesium, iodine and strontium in the suppression pool water. At Fukushima Daiichi, periodic venting from the suppression pool has been conducted to further manage temperature and pressure and protect the integrity of the primary containment.

Releases to the environment associated with venting consist primarily of radioactive noble gases which, by their chemical and physical nature, disperse in the atmosphere and provide a source of radiation exposure in a passing plume or vapor cloud. The current conditions at the Fukushima Daiichi plant may result in a reduced effectiveness in trapping the radioactive cesium and iodine in the suppression pool. Therefore, the releases may contain higher levels of radioactive cesium and iodine, which provide sources of exposure from inhalation and ingestion. The Latest news on March 16 was that radiation spike (which forced the evacuation of workers) was apparently the result of a release of pressure that had built up in the complex's Unit 2 reactor. Steam and pressure build up in the reactors as workers try to cool the fuel rods, leading to controlled pressure releases through vents - as well as uncontrolled explosions. This will be an ongoing story please visit the American Nuclear Society <http://ansnuclearcafe.org/> for recent posting updates and links to news reports on the Nuclear Incident in Japan.

For more information about radiation measurement, you may visit the website for the Health Physics Society at www.hps.org, or the Environmental Protection Agency's "Radiation Topics" at www.epa.gov/radiation/topics.htm. For more information about radiation, see CDC's Radiation Emergencies website at www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation and "Radiation and Health Effects" at www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation/healthfacts.asp. You may also call the CDC public response hotline at 800.CDC.INFO or 888.232.6348 (TTY).

*Mickey Croyle,
Health Physicist, W.U.*

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 30TH

During the annual meeting on April 30, the budget for the year from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 will be discussed and adopted. Please take time to read through the budget and come prepared with any questions you may have. The expenses on next year's budget have been kept at the same amount as the current year budget. In addition to the budget, the nominations for officers and Board members will be presented to the League membership for approval.

Nominating Committee Final Report

Following is the slate of candidates for the 2011-2013 LWVSTL Officers and Board of Directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Co-Presidents: Linda McDaniel and Kathleen Farrell

1st VP: Pat Jones

Secretary: Mary Beth Reynolds

Board: Katharine Kilpatric
Alfreda Brown
Sydell Shayer
Becky Clausen

Nominating Committee:

Mary Long, Chair
Judith Smart
Doris Buzzell

We thank them for their willingness to contribute their time, talent and effort for the benefit of all of us. Through their strong leadership our League will continue to be recognized throughout the community as a powerful force for good government.

As part of the annual meeting on April 30, the budget for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 will be discussed and adopted. Please take time to read through the budget and come prepared with any questions you may have. The expenses on next year's budget have been kept at the same amount as the current year budget.

League of Women Voters of St. Louis

Proposed Budget	2010-2011	2011-2012
INCOME	BUDGET	BUDGET
Dues	\$17,160	\$21,000
Development		
Member Contributions	\$4,000	\$4,000
Non-Member Contributions	\$540	\$540
Campaign for the League	\$5,000	\$5,000
Tailgate and Book Sales	\$2,800	\$1,800
Theater Party		\$3,160
Tributes	\$900	\$900
Other fundraisers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Development	\$18,240	\$20,400

Member Meetings		
Kick off	\$1,200	\$1,200
Annual Meeting	\$1,300	\$1,300
Holiday Meeting	\$1,000	\$1,000
Product	\$100	\$100
Total - Local Meetings	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest		
Miscellaneous		
From Reserves		
Total Income	\$39,000	\$45,000
EXPENSES		
Operating Costs	\$8,850	\$8,850
Payroll	\$11,750	\$11,750
Board & Administrative		
Board Materials/Resources	\$150	\$150
Annual Registration		
Member recruitment & Retention	\$500	\$500
Fund Raising		
Tailgate & Book Sale	\$400	\$400
Fund raising other	\$1,500	\$1,500
Advocacy		
Public relations	\$100	\$100
Publications/Position Support	\$100	\$100
Website Dev & Maintenance	\$100	\$100
Coalition support & memberships	\$150	\$150
Meetings, Conventions & Affiliations		
National Convention/Council	\$1,500	\$1,500
State Convention/Council	\$1,500	\$1,500
Kickoff Meeting	\$1,200	\$1,200
Annual Meeting	\$1,300	\$1,300
Holiday Meeting	\$1,000	\$1,000
Affiliations		
Other meetings		
Financial support		
National PMP	\$4,400	\$4,400
State PMP	\$4,500	\$4,500
Miscellaneous-credit card fees		
To Reserves		\$6,000
Total Expenses	\$39,000	\$45,000

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis Board of Directors has voted unanimously to increase the 2011-2012 membership dues. The amount of increase was reached after lengthy discussions by the Membership Committee and the Board, and was also based on recommendations by the Investment Committee that an increase in dues was imperative for the St. Louis League to remain financially stable. Dues were last increased in the spring of 2007. For additional information concerning the annual meeting, see page 12.

THE LEAGUE AT WORK

It's a Whopper of a Voters Guide League Completes April 5, 2011 Election Guide

The 36 page guide, covering local elections in St. Louis City and Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warren counties features information on more than 500 candidates and 53 ballot propositions. League members answered the call to get forms out to candidates, research and write up ballot initiatives, call candidates who had not made the March 8th deadline to submit information, enter candidate data into the Post-Dispatch system, process almost 500 candidate photographs one by one, proofread galleys, and distribute Guides to over 100 destinations.

More than 300,000 subscribers got the Guide in their March 25th newspaper, and 10,000 more were distributed to 43 Schnucks stores, county and municipal libraries, city recreation and senior centers, YMCA's, Starbucks, churches, Harrah employees, and various businesses.

We could not have done it without the dedication of the following volunteers:

Alfreda Brown, Dixie Buford, Doris Buzzell, Lori Calcaterra, Esther and Jim Clark, Becky Clauson, Marj Courtney, Mickey Croyle, Barbara Elbrecht, Joan Esserman, Eve Golden, Debbie Howard, Pat Jones, Katharine Kilpatric, Mary Long, Linda McDaniel, Nancy Miller, Carolyn Nolan, Marty Ott, Carol Portman, Louise Reeves, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Enid Tennenbaum, Lolly Wehrli, and K Wentzien. Special thanks to Anna Mennerick and Julie Behrens for going beyond the call of duty and Phil Sutin of the Post-Dispatch. If I missed anyone who helped, please forgive me! The Guide has brought great community visibility to the League. Getting good information to the voters is needed now more than ever.

Kathleen Farrell, Voters' Guide Coordinator

CANDIDATE FORUMS

By the time you read this article, the League will have moderated 13 Candidate Forums before the April 5 election. This may be some sort of record!!! The fast and furious pace in which these forums were scheduled could not have been sustained without YOU. Candidate forums that are sponsored, coordinated, and moderated by the League are held in high regard because of our professionalism and nonpartisanship. YOU are part of this proud tradition, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your willingness to serve.

The list of volunteers who signed up for the Spring 2011 Candidate Forums includes many people who volunteered for multiple forums. Thank you for not deleting my numerous emails before you read them. And, I could not have made it through the season without the tireless support of our wonderful Julie Behrens and Anna Mennerick. Thank you so much for keeping me focused and mostly sane.

Here they are, our fantastic Candidate Forum volunteers! If I have left anyone off this list, I sincerely apologize. Please let me know, and you will be included in the next In League Reporter. Again, thank you for all of your time and effort. Kathleen Farrell, Doris Buzzell, Pam Todorovich, Kathleen Kelly, Linda McDaniel, Yvonne Blair, Dixie Buford, Ida West, Alfreda Brown, Mary Long, Judith Smart, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marty Ott, Nancy Billingham, K Wentzien, Nancy Miller, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Marjorie Courtney, Sydell Shayer, Brenda Banjak, Rea Kleeman, Debby Howard, Lois Bliss, Karen Dahman, Lolly Wehrli, Pat Soraghan, Enid Tennenbaum, Nancy Thompson, Sue Dellbringge, and Barbara Elbrecht

Pat Jones

Candidate Forum Coordinator

LEAGUE MEMBERS SERVING

Governor Jay Nixon has appointed **Dianne Modrell** of St. Louis, to the **State Committee on Marital and Family Therapists**. The State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists protects the public from unlicensed, negligent, incompetent, and dishonest mental health services provided by licensees and individuals under supervision for licensure. The state committee enforces licensure standards through the implementation of legislative and administrative regulations and provides guidance to supervisors and applicants for licensure to insure compliance with Missouri law and regulations. Modrell received her master's of public administration degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1998, and is currently the business manager for Parkway Gardens Condominium Association, St. Louis. The Governor has appointed her for a term ending Oct. 8, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The International Relations Committee is having an evening about China, especially its government and life among ordinary citizens there. Our speakers are Duan and Bill Weihong. Duan is from near Shanghai and Bill is also from China. China is one of the largest and most powerful nations in our world and will likely become more so. It has over 1 billion people. China has its three branches of government but it's not a democracy. The rulers want what is best for their country and are mostly dedicated leaders. Because the government is more like an autocracy, in some ways it's better than our country. Where it might take us thirty years to build a major highway, in China a highway can be built in a year.



Friday, April 8th, at 6 p.m. at the Kleeman Condo, 520 S. Brentwood Blvd. 1A, Clayton MO 63105 Please RSVP at 314.727.7374 or beckkleeman@charter.net Everyone is welcome. We will have Chinese food which will be charged at what it costs us. RSVP because we need to know what you like and if you are able to join us. Come and learn more about CHINA.

*Rea Kleeman, IR member***

Additional note about IR from Judith Smart, IR Chair: The evening at the Kleemans will take the place of our regular meeting for the month of April. Please do **NOT** come to the St Louis Library HQ on April 8 - we will not be there. For those who like to plan ahead, on May 13 we will meet at the Library at 10 a.m. and have a special guest speaker, Ron Glossop, whose talk is entitled "The Role of China in the World Community". I invite you to come to all of our meetings but especially to these two in April and May.

Judith Smart, Chair

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE



The League of Women Voters Health Care Committee will meet on Thursday, April 14th at Cape Albeon at 10:30 a.m. in the private dining room. Call Katharine Kilpatric at 636.861.7148 if you have any questions relating to directions to the meeting place or if you plan to attend. Directions: Cape Albeon from Highway 270 and Dougherty Ferry. Go west on Dougherty Ferry to Lake Bend Drive, (after you cross Big Bend) left on Lake Bend Drive and you are there.

Katharine Kilpatric, Chair

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE



EQ Committee will be meeting **April 12 at 7:00 pm (Note new time)** at the League Office. The Unit discussions generated a new list of topics for discussion and ILR Articles Contact EQ Chair, Mickey Croyle (mcroyle@wustl.edu or (314.395.7876) with suggestions or questions.

Mickey Croyle, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee will meet on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 9:30 - 11:30 am at the League Office. League member, State Representative Margo McNeil HD78, will be attending and providing an update on Education legislation. She currently serves on the Missouri House Education Committee. League members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please contact Marty Ott if you plan to attend.

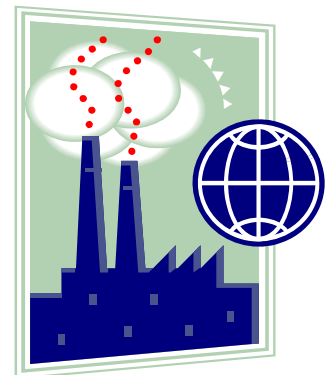


Marty Ott, chair
314.434.0330
martyott06@yahoo.com

UNIT MEETINGS

MARCH UNITS LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY

The March Units on Sustainability were well attended with 51 members participating in an excellent discussion of the survey. The Kirkwood Unit opted to record their survey on-line, and we are still waiting on that unit to complete the survey. Based on the responses posted to date for the Kirkwood Unit and all of the other Units - the St Louis City Unit is the Clear Winner. They will receive Treats for their April Meeting. All Units should be congratulating on their enthusiastic responses to the survey. Remember we will revisit the survey next year – so keep a focus on sustainability: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle and Rethink. The EQ committee will continue to monitor the on-line survey so if you have yet to respond – please complete the survey form. At the Annual Meeting the recognition will be awarded to the most sustainable unit based on final responses to the survey.



APRIL UNIT MEETINGS

April Unit topics are the selected by the individual units.

ST. LOUIS CITY UNIT

We will take stock of where the City stands in terms of redistricting, finances, education, police and fire departments, and our relationship with St. Louis County. IN OTHER WORDS, it will be a whirlwind of information and discussion about matters near and dear to our City Unit members.

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Betty Ann Gilbert at 314.925.8251 or Kathleen Farrell at 314.773.2876.

**Saturday, April 9
10:30 am**

TRINITY CHURCH
Euclid and Washington, Central West End

UNIVERSITY CITY/CLAYTON UNIT

Topic: **Home Foreclosures and how they
Impact the Homeless**

Speaker: Chris Krehmeyer, Director, Beyond Housing

**Tuesday, April 12
9:30 am**

LWV Office
Leader: Carol Portman
314.726.3269

WEBSTER GROVES/KIRKWOOD UNIT

Dr. Heidi Miller will speak on **WHY WE NEED PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES**. She is a wonderful speaker. Please try to attend and bring a friend. Dr. Heidi B. Miller is a primary care doctor and advocate for underprivileged patients who has focused her career on overcoming health care disparities in the region. She attended Yale College, Harvard Medical School, and Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Miller takes care of uninsured and indigent patients at the Family Care Health Centers, a community health center in the city of St. Louis. She also works with the St. Louis Integrated Health Network on quality initiatives for the region's most vulnerable patients, including projects that expedite access to breast care, draw uninsured emergency room patients to primary care homes, and connect safety network clinics electronically. Dr. Miller contributes to Siteman Cancer Center's Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities, and she has served as a governor appointee to the Oversight Committee for Missouri's Medicaid Program.

Please join us.

**Wednesday, April 13
9:30 a.m. meeting**

HOME OF MARY LONG, Leader
10 Zinzer Ct.
Grantwood Village, 63123
314.849.7045

Directions:

Take Grant Road to Gravois, turn left onto Gravois and an immediate left onto Grantview Lane (If you get to Laclede, you went too far). Turn Right at the stop sign onto Zinzer Ct., 3rd house on the right.

CHESTERFIELD/CREVE COEUR UNIT

Nancy Bowser will speak about the **Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD)** at the Thursday Chesterfield/Creve Coeur morning unit. The League is a member of the MSD Rate Commission and Nancy serves as the League's representative on the Commission. Because of the League's concern about water quality we have long been interested in MSD.

Thursday April 14
9:30 a.m. meeting
Noon salad lunch

HOME OF SYDELL SHAYER
709 Champeix Lane
314.434.5116
Leader: Mary Brown 636.532.0833

Directions: From 270 take Ladue Road west 1.4 miles to Chasselle, Right on Chasselle, at 2nd circle, turn right on Champeix, 5th house on the right, white house with red sculpture.

THURSDAY EVENING UNIT

Sydell Shayer will be presenting. The topic is "Tax Issues before the Missouri Legislature".

Thursday, April 14
7:00 p.m.

LEAGUE OFFICE
8706 Manchester Road, Suite 104
314.961.6869
Leader: Esther Clark, 314.416.0366

PLANNING AHEAD

LWVMO 60TH State Convention in Independence, MO, on May 21-22, 2011

The state Convention Committee has been busy planning an educational, enjoyable and worthwhile state convention. St. Louis's 1st V.P. Kathleen Farrell is serving on the committee and has arranged for an energizing keynote speaker. Diana Bartelli Carlin, a professor in the Communications Studies Department at the University of Kansas has been working with the League on various projects and promises a dynamic presentation. Participants will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, enjoying great food, entertainment and catch-up and share time with other delegates. Complete information and a registration form are available in the January/February issue of the *Missouri Voter*.

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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New members:

Nancy Cross
18 S. Kingshighway Blvd. Apt. 6V
St. Louis MO 63108-1316

Barbara Harris
625 Fieldcrest Dr.
St. Louis MO 63126-1302

TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

Ann Husch died February 9, 2011 at the age of 90. She was a member of the League for fifty plus years. We last saw her at the League's 90th birthday celebration last spring. Ann was very active in the community all her life. The obituary appearing in the *St. Louis Jewish Light* said, "She was always a bit ahead of her time, being ingeniously "green" when it was still just a color." I would not be surprised if she either influenced the League or it influenced her. After all, the League was recognized in the early 1960's as the leading organization working in the U.S. on clean water. The League must be doing something right if an active community member like Ann Husch chooses to remain in the League for over fifty years. Ann supported the state League through calendar sales every year. She would drop by the office during the summer to visit and pick up 50 or more calendars to give to friends and relatives.

Sydell Shayer and Julie Behrens

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis was first incorporated in 1924 for a period of 50 years, after which time it was believed that "our work will be complete". But in 1974 it was obvious that our League would continue. We asked **William G. Phillips** (Jackie's husband) to help us incorporate the League of Women Voters of St. Louis in perpetuity. And he did. Bill Phillips passed away January 13, 2011.

Betty Ann Gilbert

Contributions received: in memory of William Phillips from Betty Ann Gilbert to LWV St. Louis.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

The office has been a very busy place since the last newsletter. Joining forces with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch again the League under the guidance of Kathleen Farrell will have a voter guide for the April 5 election for St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jefferson County, Lincoln County, Franklin County, and Warren County. And then numerous candidate forums were scheduled and Leaguers were there working the forums with Pat Jones at the helm. The many people that helped with these projects are named in their articles.

The following Leaguers were the loyal ones who assisted in getting your 3 newsletters to you this past month and staffed the office helping with telephone calls and various other clerical duties. Those dedicated persons were Brenda Banjak, Nancy Bowser, Doris Buzzell, Esther & Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Sue Dellbringge, Janet Fales, Betty Ann Gilbert, Mickey Hall, Elise Joerger, Pat Jones, Mary Long, Linda McDaniel, Tom Mennerick, Cindy Mitchell, Marty Ott, Judith Smart, Joan Esserman, and Enid Tennebaum. If we have neglected to mention someone please let us know and we will acknowledge you in the next In League Reporter. If you have time to spare the voter guides should be ready for distribution when you read this. If you are willing to help with the distribution please call the office 314.961.6869. If you would like to help answer telephone calls the week before the election please call the office and let us know when you would be available.

Julie Behrens, staff

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

The St. Louis League is looking for an individual interested in working approximately 5-10 hours a month. This is a paid position, 10 hours a month and pay \$10 per hour. The **Volunteer Coordinator** position becomes more important as the League expands activities such as the Voters Guide. Interested persons should contact Anna at the League office 314.961.6869.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS – Anna Mennerick

Anna's column will return next issue. She is currently recovering from a household move.

Please Join Us for the

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

Saturday, April 30, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Orlando's
8352 Watson Road 63119
phone number 314.638.6660

Luncheon

A buffet with chicken and/or beef, and two side dishes
Cost: \$22.00 per person

Guest Speaker
&
Business Meeting

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 27

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