



IN LEAGUE REPORTER—MAY 2011
OF ST. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LOUIS
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From the President:

It has been a year since the last annual meeting. The time has gone fast, although as I think of all we have done it seems more like years. It has been an incredibly successful year with our Voters Guide in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the very successful candidate forums, congressional and local. I would guess that just through the forums, the League has been exposed personally to more than 2,000 people plus the many who read the Voters Guide. We have received thanks from many people for all these services, even from a candidate who lost an election. I have said before but I want again to thank all those who helped staff the forums and the very many who did their part in the Voters Guide. It is because of you members, with your contributions of time, thoughtfulness and skills, that the League is what it is. The suffragists and women have laid out the path; we follow it and see what we can accomplish.

There were other wonderful events during the year: unit meetings with socializing and discussion; the Kickoff meeting; the Holiday meeting; Winter Wonderland; tailgate sale; theatre party, Civility Workshops, Earnings tax forum, visits to our office by Russians and South Americans in cooperation with the World Affairs Council. In addition, the committees continue to share their knowledge of timely topics.

Summer is on its way so there will be a little break for the League, but if you visit the office you would not know it. We will soon be getting the office set up with new lap tops, a donation from Boeing. The operating system and software are from a very close friend to the League, my oldest son who has contacts with Microsoft. We are also hoping to recruit some interns from universities in the St. Louis area. In addition, we will be planning for 2012; you really cannot start too early.

I hope each of you have a wonderful summer.

Linda C. McDaniel

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CALENDAR

Sat.	April 30	11:30 am	LWVSTL ANNUAL MEETING	Pg. 2,7	Orlando’s
Sat.	May 7	9:30 am	Education Committee	Pg. 5	League Office
Thurs.	May 12	10:30 am	Health Care Comm.	Pg. 5	Cape Albion
Fri.	May 13	10:00 am	International Relations Comm.	Pg. 5	St Louis County Lib. HQ
Sat.-Sun	May 21-22		LWVMO 60th STATE CONVENTION	Pg. 3	Independence, MO
Mon.	May 30		MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED		

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 30TH

The Annual Report, to be distributed to members at the Annual Meeting contains specific reports, minutes and budgets to be discussed

Important note from Linda McDaniel:

My apologies to the membership. I failed to get the report for program planning recommendation in the April "In League Reporter". This will be considered at the Annual Meeting on April 30th.

LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING

The report and recommendation of the board is as follows. These recommendations are a result of the program planning discussion held in units.

RECOMMENDED:

1. Retention of all local positions with the exception the Kirkwood and University City positions, these should be dropped.
2. An editorial change of adding the words "St. Louis City County" in two sections under government:
Support of effective, efficient, responsive and responsible City of St. Louis, St. Louis City County and St. Louis County governments.
Support for long range fiscal planning for municipalities, St. Louis City County and St. Louis County.
3. A study to re-examine the issues of combining the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

DROP:

1. Kirkwood City Charter: Support of the Chief Administrator Officer form of government with continued interest in the Kirkwood City Charter.
2. Kirkwood Public Library: Support of a Public Library that meets the needs of the residents. Support of adequate financing, long range planning and a library board which is representative of all segments of the community.
3. University City Government: Support of the council-manager form of government for the City of University City, with continued interest in the city charter.

NOT RECOMMENDED:

1. A study of the financial effect on the funding of education with the transfer of money from a school district to vouchers and charter schools.
2. Revision of Education position: add "education excellence".
3. Support a sound program for financing schools and school programs of educational excellence, including civics curriculum, for students to develop their full potential.

SLATE of Board Members

1st VP: Pat Jones

Secretary: Mary Beth Reynolds

Board: Katharine Kilpatric Sydell Shayer

Alfreda Brown Becky Clausen

Nominating Committee: Mary Long, Chair, Judith Smart, Doris Buzzell

Pat Jones – 1st V.P.

I am constantly learning from this energetic, politically engaged group of League members; they are my role models. As Candidate Forum Coordinator for the last two years, I have been learning more and more about the League's respected role in moderating candidate forums throughout the area. I became a League member five years ago and have served as co-chair of the Membership Committee. I also volunteer in my community and neighborhood schools. I live in Grantwood Village with my husband, Mike, and Henry, the wonder dog.

Mary Beth Reynolds – Secretary

If elected, I will begin my fourth term as secretary of the Board of Directors of the League and the Information Service. I have enjoyed working with and learning from many very talented women. Also, I participate on several action teams of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery and enjoy volunteer work with community organizations.

Doris Buzzell – Nominating Committee

After retirement my plan was to join the League of Women Voters and go on a trip with Elderhostel (now, Road Scholar). The trip was last June, but my love affair with the League started in 1998. Since then I have served as unit leader, education chair, nominating committee chair, observer corps, and president; and helped with voter registration, candidate forums, speakers' bureau, office volunteer and coin-collector at Tilles Park. Each of these opportunities to learn and grow have enriched my life; but the pot-o'-gold at the end of this rainbow is all the wonderful people I have met and the friends I have made.

Katharine Kilpatric- Board Member

I chair the health care committee for the LWV. At the beginning of World War 2, I was 17. I was accepted at and graduated from Washington University School of Nursing and was part of the first class in the US Nurse Cadet Corp.(Purpose was to train nurses for the military). The war was over by the time of our graduation. I completed my education at Drury College where I met and married my husband. After graduation he went on to medical school and I worked as an operating room nurse for the four years he was in school. After his internship he went into private practice and we settled in Cedar Hill doing primary care medicine. I worked with him for 25 years of dedication, long hours, little vacation and hard work. We had four wonderful daughters. I was widowed at 61. Church activities led me to become a part of the national committee for Presbyterian Women and I traveled to Australia, Germany, Austria, Central America, Thailand, Greece, Turkey and cities in the U.S. After 12 years my daughters persuaded me to move to the Kirkwood area and I became a resident at Cape Albeon. I now serve on the board of Church Women United, Citizens for Global Solutions and the League of Women Voters. I continue as an Elder on the Session of my church.

Sydell Shayer – Board Member

I am delighted to have been asked to serve another term on the St. Louis Board of the LWV. I just completed one term on the board as Death Penalty Chair and one term prior to that as chair in an off-board capacity. I am also Death Penalty Chair for the State League. (I can't even call them committees because there are no members. It would be nice if there were.) I just discovered that two new bills, one to abolish the death penalty and the other to establish a moratorium with a study of the death penalty system has been introduced in the House. Let's hope they do more than sit on a list of introduced bills. So to keep me occupied, I pick up odd jobs. This past year I chaired the local Arms Control Committee, was pseudo chair of the transportation and earnings tax action efforts. And I do all those other League things that League members do. Just for the record, I have been a member of the League for 53 years. Being a member now is just as exciting as it has always been.

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.

**DON'T FORGET - STATE CONVENTION -
INDEPENDENCE, MO**

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, MAY 21st – 22nd

*For details see the March – April edition of **Missouri Voter***

Hotel Registration deadline -- April 29th.

UNITS

There are no unit meetings in May.

ISSUES OF CONCERN



Indoor Air Quality, Should We Be Concerned?

We have all been told that our homes need to breathe. I am not sure we ever really understood why or how much and in addition to this, we expected our builders to construct our homes in a manner that took this concept into consideration. However, we now know the majority of our homes are excessively leaky and inefficient. With this new emphasis on air sealing homes for better efficiency, more emphasis is being placed on the indoor air quality.

The EPA and ASHRAE (American Society of Heating and Cooling Engineers) have been placing an emphasis on commercial building IAQ for quite some time but now say it is very important to pay attention to air quality and ventilation in residential structures. IAQ can be affected by a number of pollutants that are derived from building materials, household products, cleaning and remodeling products, faulty gas appliances, pesticides and a host of other pollutants. ASHRAE standard 62.2 says pollutants should be exhausted out of the home and replaced with fresh air at the exchange rate of .35 of the volume of air in the building every hour. If we ventilate more than this, it is excessive air leakage and less than this is unhealthy. Failure to provide adequate fresh air in our living environment can result in a variety of symptoms and illnesses that may occur immediately or over the long term with permanent damage to our health.

When air sealing your home, if the insulator uses a blower door as they seal, they will be able to keep you within the limits of an air tight home. In addition to this, if you have had an energy audit, the auditor should provide a return visit to your home to re-test ventilation on the backside of repairs and verify safe ventilation standards. There are many “free” unscrupulous services which have surfaced during this time of greening our planet. You know the old sayings “you get what you pay for” and “free is never really free”. An auditor should not only be BPI certified but experienced and unbiased toward any particular product. The Missouri Botanical Gardens oversees the Home Performance with Energy Star program to protect the consumer and sponsors auditors that are providing services that meet Building Performance Institute standards. Additional information regarding auditing standards and Home Performance with Energy Star can be found on their website.

<http://earthwayscenter.org/homeperformance/index.shtml>

You can find helpful information regarding IAQ, air sealing your home and what you can do to protect yourself at the EPA’s website.

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ia-intro.html#Indoor Air Pollution and Health>

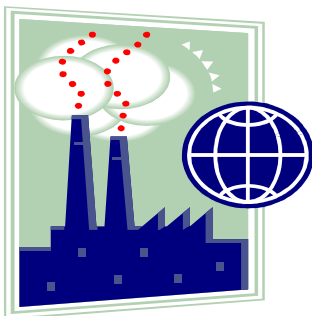
Kellye Markowski

BPI auditor

MAAEP board member

League of Women Voters Member

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE



EQ Committee will not be meeting in May. At this time no meetings are scheduled. Members should check the League calendar at www.lwvstl.org for meeting information. Contact EQ Chair, Mickey Croyle (mcroyle@wustl.edu or (314.395.7876) with suggestions or questions.

Mickey Croyle, Chair

THE LEAGUE AT WORK

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



The International Relations (IR) Committee will meet on May 13 at 10 a.m. at the St Louis Library HQ. We are fortunate to have as a guest speaker, Professor Ron Glossop, whose topic is *The Role of China in the World Community*. Dr. Glossop is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at SIUE and has visited China several times. Previously he has spoken to our committee on the United Nations and the ICC, and we are pleased to have him discuss our current study topic. We will not have meetings in June, July, or August. We will meet on September 9 (usual time and place) to prepare for our unit presentations on China in November. We invite all League members and friends to hear Dr. Glossop in May.

Judith Smart, Chair

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The League of Women Voters is in support of the Affordable Health Care Act and opposes its repeal. Our committee has been committed to staying abreast of the happenings since its conception and the struggles faced until final passage.

While a slight majority of the public disapproves of the law, a larger percent disapproves of defunding it. The problem lies in there being a large amount of information circulating and not all of it accurate. Some of the benefits of the law which the public supports are a ban on pre-existing conditions for children, preventive care without co-pay, no lifetime limits on care, assistance to small businesses in the form of tax credits for those who supply health care insurance for their employees and allowing children to stay on their parents' policy until age 26. While all states mandate that drivers must have a license to drive and carry liability insurance and that we must send our children to school, there is objection, in many states, to the U S government having the right to insist that all people have health insurance.

We are now beginning a series of discussions dealing with health care justice. What is the moral imperative of providing health care? Where are the challenges and opportunities? What are the values?

The Health Care Committee will meet at Cape Albeon on Thursday May 12 at 10.30 am
The topic for discussion will be Justice in Health Care, A Moral and Economic Imperative. 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



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee will meet Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9:30 am -11:30 am at the League office. The LWVUS Study Committee members are researching and writing background papers to help Leagues educate members and communities about the Role of the federal government in education issues. The first of the papers, "Role of the Federal Government in Public Education: Historical Perspectives" is available at www.lwv.org, search word: education. Copies are available in the League office. Additional papers will be posted in the coming weeks. The Leaders Guide and Consensus Questions will follow. We hope to have these materials available for review at this meeting. League members are always welcomed.



Marty Ott, Chair
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VOLUNTEER CORNER

The office continued to be a “bee hive” of activity. Leaguers and their friends answered phones, delivered voter guides throughout the 7 counties that were covered in the April election, and worked on 5 mailings (2 for the Missouri League and 3 for the St. Louis League), and assisted with other data entry tasks. Now we are working on the Annual Meeting for St. Louis League on April 30 and the Missouri League Convention on May 21-22. If you have some time that you are willing to share with us please contact the office 314.961.6869. There are varied tasks that need to be done.

Thanks to those who helped: Brenda Banjak, Barbara Behiter, Julie Behrens, Joan Botwinick, Nancy Bowser, Doris Buzzell, Esther & Jim Clark, Becky Clausen, Marjorie Courtney, Verna & Clyde Creel, Sue Dellbringge, Joan Esserman, Gloria Ewing, Janet Fales, Kathleen Farrell, Susan Fluegel, Betty Ann Gilbert, Eve Golden, Mickey Hall, Barbara Harris, Deborah Howard, Elise & Denny Joerger, Pat Jones, Kathleen Kelly, Katharine Kilpatric, Julian Long, Mary Long, Linda McDaniel, Anna & Tom Mennerick, Nancy Miller, Cindy Mitchell, Marty Ott, Mary Parker, Carol Portman, Janis Pupillo, Louise Reeves, Mary Beth Reynolds, Julia Sewall, Sydell Shayer, Judith Smart, Jean Srenco, Enid Tennebaum, Nancy Thompson, Patti Walley, Lolly Wehrli, K Wentzien, and Ida West. If we have neglected to mention someone please let us know and we will acknowledge you in the next In League Reporter.

Julie Behrens, staff

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Member:

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St. Louis MO 63110-3513

Vivian Blackman
1719 Claymont Estates
Chesterfield MO 63017-7729

Editor's note: In the April ILR, Sydell Shayer was inaccurately listed as Advocacy chair. Nancy Thompson is the STLWV Advocacy chair. Sydell is the Death Penalty chair.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REFLECTIONS – Anna Mennerick

The buzz in the office is all about League business and League meetings. The League of Women Voters of Saint Louis holds their annual meeting in a few days. The League of Women Voters of Missouri holds its convention in May. We are producing documents, counting delegates, formatting reports. All this activity supports the governance of the League.

Attending these meetings yourself can be a great way to learn more about the League, see old friends, make new friends, find a new way to help the League work for good government. And by joining other Leaguers you take part in the tremendous history of the organization and put your prints on the future of the League.

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

Business Meeting
Luncheon

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

Guest Speaker
Terry Jones, professor at UM-St. Louis

Topic:
Redistricting, how it happens, & possible reforms

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 27

Please return this portion with your check (payable to LWVSTL) to the League office:
8706 Manchester Rd. Suite 104, St. Louis, MO 63144

I will be attending the Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 30, 11:30 am- 2:00 pm

Name (s): _____

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