



# The Voter

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

## ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED FOR APRIL 21



We hope you will join your LWV friends at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at the Broadway Christian Church, 2601 West Broadway. (You can park and enter the Church on the west side. We will post a LWV sign at the doorway to use.)

Our special guest speaker will be Barbara Weaver, recently retired trustee of Boone Hospital Center who will share her thoughts on her long-time experience on that board. Mrs. Weaver served on the hospital board for 34 years, and during that time the hospital has added 485,000 square feet of additions, more than doubling in size since 1981.

We will also be presenting the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the League to Kathryn Allen, one of our exemplary members! (see related article)

Since this is our Annual Meeting, we will be voting on the Nominations

Committee Report and the proposed budget for 2015-16. (Copies of the various documents to be voted on are included in this mailing.)

Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be catered by members of the Church, who have generously offered this service to us. The choice will be a dinner including boneless pork chops or a vegetarian meal. The cost will be \$10.

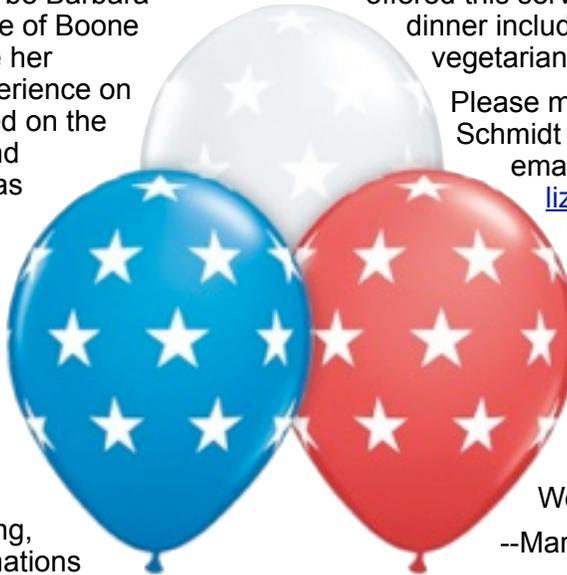
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[lizschmidt65203@gmail.com](mailto:lizschmidt65203@gmail.com).

Or you can send your check payable to LWVCBC to Liz Schmidt, 1408 W. Bus. Loop 70 W, #302, Columbia, MO 65202. Be sure to specify whether you want the meat (pork) or vegetarian option.

We hope to see you there!

--Marilyn McLeod, Co-President



## KATHRYN ALLEN TO RECEIVE ELEANOR GOODGE AWARD

At this year's Annual Meeting April 21, we will honor long-time member Kathryn Allen for her service to the League with this year's Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service.

Kathryn served as co-president of our chapter with Eleanor Goodge from January to April 1992, and then served as president for two terms from 1994-6 and 1996-8. She was an outspoken defender of the LWV's positions on Reproductive Rights, serving with that portfolio on both the local and state boards.

Many members will remember Kathryn in her suffragist costume which she wore in her frequent

public school presentations to educate students about the long struggle that women had to gain the right to vote. She was an inspiring educator of League members and the public about League's leadership in the historic women's suffrage movement and the League's vital role in voter education.

With her strong leadership skills, she devoted a great deal of time and effort to the League in myriad ways. We are proud to present the Goodge Award to such a deserving member of our League.

--Marilyn McLeod, Co-President

## MARCH BOARD REPORT

Thirteen board members attended the LWV Board Meeting on March 23. The board heard reports on:

- The April 21st Annual Meeting speaker will be Barbara Weaver who is retiring from long service on the Boone Hospital Board of Trustees. We decided to use the church catering for our meal; church members cater meals to raise funds for their international mission trips. See page 1 for more details.
- The LWVMO State Convention will be held May 2-3 with information to come in the LWVMO Voter. Board members planning to attend the convention are Joni O'Connor, Lael Von Holt, Peggy Placier and Marilyn McLeod. All of our members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending, but cannot afford the registration fee, contact Marilyn at [marilyn\\_mcleod@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com).
- Topics for May's Lunch & Learn were discussed and we chose sentencing reform. The date will be determined later.
- Dick Parker reported on our Earth Day Festival booth. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for board members to sign up to work at the booth.
- Lael Von Holt reported that the \$2000 Ed Fund check will go out this week for the

Mental Health First Aid training. See Lael's article on page 5 for details.

- The Fundraising Committee has signed the contract with CEC for our June 10th fundraising play, The Lucky Stiff.

The Board made these decisions:

- Kathryn Allen was selected as the Eleanor Goodge Award winner.
- The Board approved the Proposed Budget (p.4) and the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates (p. 3).
- The Board accepted Jan Swaney's resignation from the Board due to her new work as President of the Heart of Missouri United Way. Dr. Diane Suhler, economics professor at Columbia College, was selected to fill the year left on Jan's term.



The Board presented Liz Schmidt with two plants and a card and thanked her for her long and dedicated service on our Board. This was Liz's last Board Meeting as an elected board member.

-- Carol Schreiber, Co-President

## CAT TV APRIL 8: PROGRESS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH



Please join us on Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 pm for League Presents, the CAT TV program which will focus on excellent progress in mental health services for children and youth in our community. This is a natural follow up to a forum League had last May at the Public Library.

Our panelists will be Sharon Thomas-Parks, of Putting Kids First/Children's Grove; David Thomas, of Putting Kids First/Children's Grove; and Kelly Wallis, Boone County Community Services. Moderating the panel will be Jim Robertson, Columbia Daily Tribune.

Our panelists are knowledgeable about the advancing mental health programs in this community, including the County Children's Services Board, the new County Mental Health Coalition for the schools, Mental Health First Aid,

and the inspiring work on behalf of our children and youth by Putting Kids First and the Children's Grove.

More and more, mental health awareness is increasing as it takes its rightful place at the front table. Our community is responding, and we're making progress.

Do you know about the crab apple and magnolia trees and the butterfly bench at the Children's Grove, Stephens Lake Park? Perhaps you've heard this signature statement, "An Act of Kindness Will Last a Lifetime".

Join us on Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 pm for League Presents at the CAT TV studio on the lower level of the Helis Communications Center, Stephens College, 1405 East Broadway.

--Lael Von Holt, Mental Health Chair

## BOARD NOMINATIONS UP FOR VOTE AT APRIL 21 ANNUAL MEETING

**At the meeting, we will be voting on the following officers and board members:**

Co-President (2 Yr Term): Peggy Placier

1st Vice-President (2 Yr Term): Marilyn McLeod

Secretary (1 Yr Term): Marcia Walker

Board Members (2 Yr Term):  
Rachel Brekhus

Barbara Hoppe  
Joni O'Connor  
Pam Springsteel  
Shirley Troth

Nominating committee (2015-2016)  
Linda Brown, chair  
Marie Scruggs  
Sarah Wolcott Twaddle

## OUR HISTORY SERIES #25: LWV ADOPTS WAR SERVICE PLAN

December 1941 brought war to the U.S. We can look back in time and know that this was to have an impact on everyone's personal life, but what was the LWV's response?

Right after Pearl Harbor, national League president Marguerite Wells called an extraordinary council of state League presidents to a meeting in January 1942. Those presidents able to attend adopted a "War-Time Service for Carrying Information on Government to the Public" which allowed the League to "draw upon its experience and knowledge of government to carry the issues at stake to a wider public." Wells "eloquently defined the key areas where public understanding was crucial: for example, the need for higher taxes to finance the war effort, and for rationing and price controls, the importance of guarding against threats to civil liberties, and the necessity—once the war was ended—for both a worldwide reconstruction program and an international organization to preserve the peace." (from: *In The Public Interest: The League of Women Voters, 1920-1970*, by Louise M. Young, NY: Greenwood Press, 1989). This was adopted by 33 states League presidents represented at the national meeting and then by the Missouri State League on January 16.

The Columbia chapter adopted the plan at a meeting on January 29. An article in the local newspaper reported that the expectation was that this was to be done in addition to the regular activities of the League and not in place of them.

"Members will be asked to give a certain amount of time each week to spreading information on matters of vital interest in federal, state and local government. The League hopes to reach a larger public than ever in its history." (article dated February 5, 1942).



In March 1942, the Boone County Consumer Information Center was established at the Armory by the Office of Civilian Defense. Its purpose was "to show residents how they may get more service from household and personal articles which are no longer being manufactured. It will also suggest substitutes for materials that cannot be obtained because of priorities or rationing" (article dated February 14, 1942). The Center was set up to coordinate all related consumer groups with information on housing, clothing, nutrition, and cost-of-living exhibits. The League, along with other groups, such as A.A.U.W., The Tuesday Club, Fortnightly Club, the Altrusa Club, P.E.O, Girls Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, teachers' groups, professional women and housewives and other interested individuals and groups participated in helping to establish the center. (Notice how many women's groups were involved in this effort!)

It is remarkable at how prescient the national League president was and how all the organizations came together so quickly in response to the war and addressing its expected impact on the citizenry.

--Marilyn McLeod, Historian

With thanks to the State Historical Society of Missouri for retaining the historical records of the League of Women Voters.

COLUMBIA – BOONE COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-2016

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
INCOME:			
ED FUND	2,000	2,000	2,300
MEMBER CONTRIB.	300	300	2,000
MEMBER DUES	7,500	7 700 (140)	7,000
MISC. INCOME	1,400	1,400	0
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	300	300	100
OTHER INCOME	1,500	1,500	1,500
FROM SAVINGS	130	730	2,720
TOTAL INCOME	13,130	13,930	15,620
EXPENSES:			
ED FUND	500	500	2,300
ADS	750	800	1,600
BOARD	100	100	100
BULLETIN	2,000	2,000	2,000
LWVMO DUES (\$16)	2,240	2,240 (140)	2,320
LWVUS DUES (\$31)	4,340	4,340 (140)	4,500
MEETINGS	300	300	500
MEMBERSHIP	150	150	150
MISCELLANEOUS	500	200	200
NAT, CONVENTION	1,000	2,000	1,000
POST OFFICE	600	600	650
STATE CONVENTION	150	200	200
VOTER SERVICE	500	500	100
FROM SAVINGS			
TOTAL EXPENSE	13,130	13,930	15,620
ESTIMATED CHECKING ACCOUNT			\$ 8,000.00
MONEY MARKET			\$ 3,200.00
CD			\$ 3,050.00
ED FUND			\$ 5,000.00



Michelle Shikles spoke March 17 about the Healthy Lifestyles project.



Boone Hospital Board of Trustees candidates Jerry Kennett and Robert Doroghazi.



Ward 6 candidates Betsy Peters and Ryan Euliss, Ward 2 candidates Paul Love and Michael Trapp, and moderator David Lile, KFRU radio host, on March 17. Andrew Twaddle photos.

## JANE BIERDEMAN-FIKE BEQUEST FUNDS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE

In recognition of a generous bequest to the League of Women Voters Ed Fund by Jane Bierdeman-Fike, distinguished mental health professional, the League of Women Voters on March 7, 2015 approved payment of two thousand dollars from our Ed Fund for a Mental Health First Aid training course on helping youth in the county's six school districts.

The Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition, under directorship of Lou Ann Tanner-Jones, PhD, was established as the entity for advancing mental health resources of prevention and intervention for the increasing mental health and behavioral needs of our youth.

Mental Health First Aid, as part of the broader response to the need, is the specific focus for League's funding to help cover costs of training

manuals and instructor expenses. Teachers throughout the district schools would be primarily involved in the training course.

The Coalition, in partnership with the six county school districts, professional resources at MU, and the Columbia Public Schools, will work out the specific details for MHFA (Youth). Scheduling is expected to begin in August, 2015.

Dr. Lou Ann Tanner-Jones, Director of the Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition, will guide this educational effort, and will receive our Ed Fund payment on the Coalition's behalf.

Reciprocal thanks have been sent and received by both the League and the Coalition.

Congratulations to all !

-- Lael Von Holt, Mental Health Chair



## Upcoming League Events!



### APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 <b>Forum: April Election - First Ward Only</b> 6:30 p.m. Library	31	<b>APRIL 1</b>	2 LWV on <b>Paul Pepper</b> KBIA 8:50 a.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8 <b>CAT TV Children's Mental Health</b> 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <b>LWV Earth Day Booth</b> Noon - 6p.m. Elm Street	20	21 <b>LWV Annual Meeting</b> Socializing 5:30, Dinner 6:00 p.m. Broadway Christian Church	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	<b>MAY 1</b>	2 <b>LWVMO State Convention</b>
3 <b>LWVMO State Convention</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 LWV on <b>Paul Pepper</b> KBIA 8:50 a.m.	12	13 <b>CAT TV:</b> Vaccinations, Superbugs & Ebola 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**LWV Officers:**

Co-Presidents:  
 Marilyn McLeod (445-3500) and  
 Carol Schreiber (657-1467)  
 1st VP: Liz Schmidt (445-0655)  
 2nd VP: Ava Fajen (424-6683)  
 Secretary: Marcia Walker  
 (443-8666)  
 Treasurer: David Leuthold  
 (449-1358)

**Elected Directors:**

Rachel Brekhus (875-4295)  
 Joni O'Connor (234-1012)  
 Peggy Placier (442-2996)  
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)  
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)  
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)  
 Shirley Troth (443-7033)

**Appointed Directors:**

Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)  
 Dick Parker (256-4397)  
 Diane Suhler (443-0549)  
 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

**Committee Chairs:**

Budget: Shirley Troth  
 Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod  
 Education: Peggy Placier  
 Energy Matters: Dick Parker  
 Fundraising: Win Colwill  
 Health: Jan Swaney &  
 Mahree Skala  
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel  
 Membership: Liz Schmidt  
 Mental Health: Lael Von Holt  
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

**Voter Editor:** Ava Fajen

Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month at Broadway Christian Church. All members are welcome to attend.

**Websites:**

Local: lwvcbc.org  
 State: lwvmissouri.org  
 National: lwv.org



Please send your dues to Membership Chair, League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205.

Dues are \$55 for individuals, \$80 for a household and \$25 for local students. Individual and household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and national (LWVUS) membership.

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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I am particularly interested in \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to receive my Voter by email \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)

**MEMBER NEWS**

We are pleased to welcome new member, **Yvette Dills**.

We are saddened to report the recent passing of two longtime LWV members, **Bernice Prost** and **Dorothy Harlan**. Dorothy's son Tim Harlan and his wife, Linda, are also LWV members. We send our deepest sympathies to both of their families.



Carol Schreiber, Marilyn McLeod and Liz Schmidt keep election forum speakers on schedule. Photo by Andrew Twaddle.



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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON APRIL 19, EARTH DAY**



Columbia's Earth Day Fair is coming up Sunday, April 19, from noon to 6:00 p.m. Come see the League's booth in the center of the action on Elm street. There is lots of good information at many booths and all sorts of nice things to take home. This year we are pushing the League's position on global warming and the need to reduce carbon emissions. We would like more League members who are willing to talk to the

public about the League and booth sit with others; you will not be alone. We'll have educational flyers and Citizen Information brochures to hand out. If you can help, contact Dick at 256-4397 or [rbparker1@centurytel.net](mailto:rbparker1@centurytel.net) to sign up for an hour or two.

--Dick Parker, Energy Matters Chair

## **LUCKY STIFF WILL BE JUNE 10 LWV FUNDRAISER**



Feeling lucky? Then you will need to be sure to buy some tickets for the League's fundraiser play on Wednesday, June 10, presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company.

The play is "Lucky Stiff", a winner of the Richard Rodgers Award and Washington's Helen Hayes Award for Best Musical. This offbeat, hilarious murder mystery farce, complete with mistaken identities, six million bucks in diamonds, and a corpse in a wheelchair, is based on the novel "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" by Michael Butterworth.

As in past years, before the performance at 6:30 p.m. we will have a wonderful selection of appetizers provided by local restaurants and members, and wine from local wineries to enjoy.

Tickets will still be \$25 each; 5 for \$100 (which gets your name on the list of as Underwriters if you wish). Tickets will be available at the Annual Meeting on April 21. Each League member will receive a solicitation letter in early May with 2 tickets. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this fun evening!

-- Marilyn McLeod, Co-President