



The Voter

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

AUGUST 25 CELEBRATION OF 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF 19TH AMENDMENT

We will celebrate the 99th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment on Sunday, August 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Boone County History and Culture Center (BCHCC), 3801 Ponderosa.

The program will begin with a sing-along of suffrage songs with the Joy Boys! Dr. Catherine Rympf, chair of the MU History Department and an expert in U.S. Women's Political History, will share her thoughts on changes in women's legal rights since winning the vote. At this event we will award the Liz Schmidt Scholarship to a Mizzou student this year. Come in suffragist costume if you are able! Refreshments will be provided and there is no cost to attend.

We are working with the BCHCC on a year-long exhibit about the suffrage movement both nationally and locally, and the work of the League of Women Voters over the years. The exhibit will be viewable at this event (although it won't be completely done).

We are very grateful to Chris Campbell, director of the BCHCC, for his interest and support for holding the exhibit at the Center and for offering the space for our August 25th event.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



SUFFRAGISTS ON PARADE - STATE FAIR AUGUST 8!

We invite members and friends who want to join us in the parade at the State Fair with a contingent of League members from around the state. Opening day is Thursday, August 8 and the parade kicks off at 6 p.m. at State Fair Blvd. and 16th Street. Everyone in the parade gets free admission to the fair for the rest of the day.

We will gather at Mary Merritt's house, 1812 S. Grand, to change into costumes, gather water bottles and fellowship until 5:45. Members and friends who want to join us are asked to wear white if possible. Bring your sash if you have one, or we will find one for you to borrow. If you have a vintage-

looking outfit that is even better, but not at all required.

We want a mass of ladies/girls to carry our banner and signs. Wear comfortable shoes as we will walk about a mile and it will be warm/hot. But it will be so much fun!!!

For Columbia-Boone County members and friends: If you would like to participate and want more information or to carpool to Sedalia, and/or you would like to purchase a "Votes for Women" sash for \$8 please contact Marilyn McLeod, 445-3500, or send an email to: lwwcbc@gmail.org.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



NAACP KICKOFF EVENT AUGUST 27

The NAACP is planning its official 2020 kickoff with a "Getting the Community Involved" event on Tuesday, August 27 at 7 pm at the Second Baptist Church, 407 E. Broadway in Columbia.

Panelists Dr. Michael Middleton, Atty David Mitchell, Dr. Clyde Ruffin, Atty Syreeta McNeal, and Mayor of Mexico Ayanna Shivers will discuss:

- How to close the economic gap between races.
- Bringing ex-felons into the community.

- Legislation that allows felons on probation to vote.
- How religious organizations can help with social issues; economic parity; encouraging people to register & vote; and mobilizing the community to be engaged and active .

This event is sponsored by NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta. We encourage our League members to attend this important community event.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



JULY BOARD MEETING REPORT

The League board met July 15, 2019.

Memberships: Suggestions for encouraging new members included: a lower membership fee for younger people; promoting scholarships; and offering to pay extra to cover a young person's membership. We agreed that a "special first year fee of \$30" might be best. We will plan for this as we update our current membership brochure.

Can you help celebrate our 100 year anniversary with an additional contribution over your dues amount? **\$100 for 100 Years?** We are encouraging members to contribute a bit more this year in celebration of our 100th anniversary!

Nominating Committee: Ruth Milledge and Meredith Donaldson were appointed.

Inclusivity and Diversity Conference: Although this is not a League event, it is a subject that definitely merits our attention. We are encouraging members to attend the **August 8** full-day conference at Columbia College on Diversity and Inclusivity. Board members Mahree Skala and Sharon Schneeberger are planning to attend. A notice about it was sent out to members encouraging them to attend.

Suffragists on Parade!

--Missouri State Fair Parade August 8

We encourage members to march in the State Fair parade in Sedalia, displaying our banner and wearing suffragists outfits. (See article on pg. 1).

--Holiday Parade in Columbia

We acknowledged a generous member who arranged for and donated LWV anniversary banners to use at the Holiday Parade on **November 24** in downtown Columbia.

IRS Update

We had applied for a 501(c)3 designation from the IRS, but, for a variety of reasons, we have canceled that application and will receive a refund from the IRS. The Board thanked Barbara Hoppe for all her hard work on this project!

100th Anniversary Activities Update:

August 25 event – At the Boone County Historical and Cultural Center from 2 - 4 p.m. There will be refreshments, a sing-along, and a guest speaker, Dr. Catherine Rymph, chair of the MU History Department, on the changes in legal rights for women. (See more information in article on pg. 1.)

Other Anniversary Items – We have a list of previous LWVCBC presidents but a few are missing in the early years. Elaine Blodgett offered to do some research at the library. Pam Springsteel again encouraged members to write letters to the Columbia School Board (President Helen Wade) in support of naming the next new school after Luella St. Clair Moss.

Constitution Day Program on Women Judges – At the library Sept. 30. David Lile will moderate. Janet Thompson has lined up an amazing panel of women judges: Anne Covington, Ellen Roper, Christine Carpenter, and Casey Clevenger.

October event – The speaker, April Langley (Chair of Black Studies at MU), has been confirmed for the "Bonded Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Suffrage." The event will be on October 29 at the Columbia Public Library.

Voter Registration follow up – Sharon and Elaine reported that they talked to around 30 people at the Boone Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting voter registration.

Lunch and Learn – Barbara Hoppe reported that our Sept. 24 L&L will address income inequality in Columbia as a local perspective on the One Read book Nomadland. Steve Hollis was confirmed as our speaker. On Oct. 15 L&L will be on the census and John Blodgett and Bill Elder will be our speakers. The November 12 L&L will be on historic preservation with Pat Fowler.

NAACP Event on August 27. The NAACP will have a kick-off event for voter registration and political action. Although not a League event, we encourage members to attend.

LWVMO Board - There will be a Making Democracy Work workshop in Columbia on Sept. 28 and a fall conference on November 2.



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JULY 8 PROCLAMATION IN CAPITOL ROTUNDA HONORS MISSOURI RATIFICATION OF 19TH AMENDMENT

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Missouri’s ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft presented a proclamation in the Capitol Rotunda on Monday, July 8, 2019.

The proclamation, signed by Governor Mike Parson on June 10, was presented to members of the League of Women Voters of Missouri and others who traveled to the event from all across the state.

The proclamation also honored the League of Women Voters of Missouri “which arose from the Missouri Suffrage Association [and] has worked to educate and empower voters since its founding in October 1919.”

On July 3, 1919, then-Gov. Frederick Gardner signed a bill making Missouri the 11th state to ratify the 19th Amendment.

League members from around the state attended the event. Local members who attended the



ceremony included: Ellen Atkins, Elaine Blodgett, Meredith Donaldson, Brianna Lennon, Marilyn McLeod, Ruth Milledge, Joni O’Connor, Carol Schreiber, Mahree Skala, and Pam Springsteel.

Earlier this year, the Missouri House and Senate presented proclamations honoring the 100th anniversary of Missouri women gaining the right to vote for president in the state. Before the

19th Amendment was officially adopted, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation allowing women to vote for president and vice president in the 1920 election. That bill was signed by Gardner on April 5, 1919. The bill was the first introduced in the new state Capitol and was largely championed by the League of Women Voters, then known as the Missouri Women Suffrage Association.

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Editors Note: Pictured above is a U.S. postage stamp from 1995.



Columbia League members pose July 8 with the Governor’s proclamation in honor of the centennial of Missouri’s ratification of the 19th Amendment in Missouri.

RECOMMENDED READING: VOTE FOR US

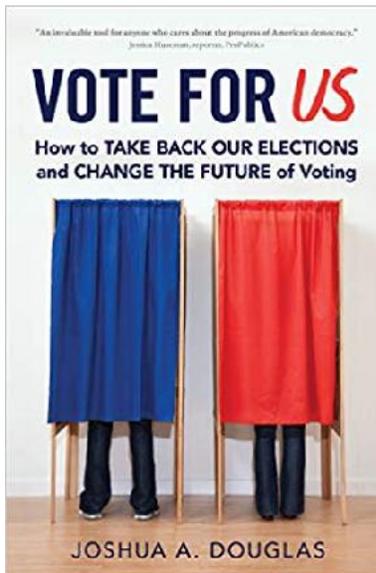
How to TAKE BACK OUR ELECTIONS and CHANGE THE FUTURE of Voting

by Joshua A. Douglas

This book was published by Prometheus Books. It is available for sale at bookstores and online, and is also available at the Columbia Public Library.

The author is a professor at the University of Kentucky College of Law, and is an expert on the constitutional right to vote.

Chris Carson, President, League of Women Voters of the United States said: "Douglas's ability to tell the stories of real Americans working to improve our electoral process paints a hope picture of our democracy. This inspiring book



will leave readers optimistic about the strength of our country and the values for which it stands."

From the *Fair Vote Book Review*: "The book is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to improve our elections, but is unsure of where to start. (There is an entire appendix dedicated to a state-by-state list of electoral reform groups). It also offers great insights for the more initiated, frequently flipping the script on current approaches to reform. While securing the participation of every American voter is an ambitious goal, it is both possible and well worth the effort."

— Pam Springsteel,
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ERA COMMITTEE UPDATE

The ERA committee is up and running towards our **September 13th citywide collaborative meeting with Columbia partners** to educate the citizenry and move the Equal Rights Amendment forward in the 2020 Legislative Session in Missouri. We would be the last necessary state to ratify the amendment at the federal level to make this the law of the land. More to come after our Sept. 13 meeting at the Columbia Library, Friends room, 2 - 4 p.m..

If you're interested in participating, please contact Teri 573-818-1012 by August 20th. If

leaving a message state your name and for how many you're RSVPing, as well as your association (LWVCBC).

There is an interesting article which includes the League of Women Voters in the July 8 & 15 issue of *The New Yorker*, "Finish the Fight!," by Casey Cap. Please, read and share with friends and loved ones; spread the word! We are all in this fight together for ourselves, and our future: Women's rights are Human rights.

— Teri Miller, tstm49@gmail.com

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BOARD REPORT

Report on Governor's Proclamation – We had a nice representation of Columbia members and a good group from other Leagues at the July 8 ceremony at the Capitol. The Secretary of State presented the proclamation honoring Missouri's ratification of the 19th Amendment in July 1919.

Energy Matters – Dick Parker requested that we change the name of the Energy Matters Committee to the **Energy and Climate Committee**. Dick reported that Columbia adopted the Climate Change Action Plan.

As you can see, we have lots of exciting and interesting things going on. Additional details on these activities and events can be found in this issue of "The Voter".

We continue to be engaged and involved in recognizing our past and continually moving toward the future.

— Marilyn McLeod, President
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UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS IN 2019

August 25, Sunday 2-4 p.m. - Celebrating the 99th Anniversary of the XIX Amendment at Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa. There will be a costumed greeter at the door to direct people and hand out programs. Program will begin with a sing-along with the Joy Boys and Suffrage Songs, followed by the speaker, Dr. Catherine Rympf, chair of the MU History Department. Her topic will be U.S. Women's Political History. We will award the Liz Schmidt Scholarship to a Mizzou student this year. Refreshments be served. (See article on pg. 1 for more information.)

Monday, September 30, 2019 - "Women Judges: Women's Role in Justice," Columbia Public Library, 6:30 refreshments, 7 p.m. program. This will be our Constitution Day Celebration. Features a panel of judges: Ann Covington, Ellen Roper, Christine Carpenter, and Casey Clevenger. Moderated by David Lile. Sponsored by LWV Civil Liberties Committee, Columbia Public Library, and the AAUW-Columbia Branch.

October 29, Tuesday - "Bonded Justice: Race, Class, Gender, and Suffrage." 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. program, Library Friends Room. Dr. April Langley, MU chair of Black Studies and Associate Professor of English will speak about the role of women of color in the suffrage movement.

November 24, Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Columbia's Holiday Parade Three of our members will be riding in costume in Todd Crawford's Model T Ford. No word yet on a second antique car. Other members can walk the 10 blocks from Broadway. The banners have arrived – There are 2 for the sides of the car and one to be carried in the parade. Contact Pam Springsteel <pspring@socket.net> if you wish to ride or walk in the parade.

December 7, Sunday - Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia, Broadway Christian Church, 2-4 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to members, friends, the mayor, city council, and members of the Boone County Commission. Entertainment will be provided by Mothersingers. The Liz Schmidt Community Service Award will be

presented. Proclamations naming this week as LWV week will be presented by the County Presiding Commissioner and the Mayor. Refreshments will be served.

December 11, Wednesday Happy Hour event at DogMaster Brewery celebrating the exact date of the Centennial of the Founding of the LWV-Columbia. This will be a Facebook event planned by Janet Thompson, Brianna Lennon, and Kate Canterbury. Invitations will also be mailed. We hope to get younger women to attend and become new members. The brewery owner has promised to name a special cocktail in honor of the celebration.

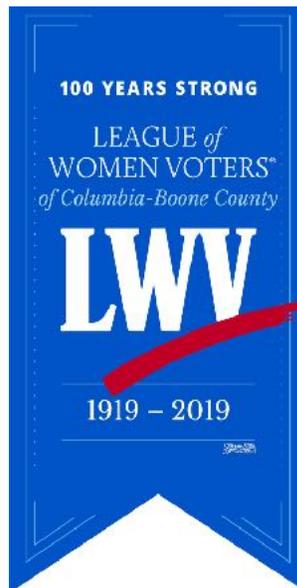
Ragtag Theater - Vicky Wilson has met with Barbie Banks of Ragtag Theater. Barbie will choose Suffragist films according to availability. Pam sent Barbie a list of dates of our planned events, so we don't schedule films on the same days. The films will cost \$250 apiece. Janet Thompson has offered to underwrite one of them.

Stephens College - Stephens will have an exhibit of fashions of the time. The students want to have a parade. Brianna has contacted their a cappella choir and they have agreed to sing at our August 26, 2020 event celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment. On July 4, 2020, the Theater Department will present an enactment of 8 famous Boone County women at the Courthouse Square.

Columbia College - Sam Fleury, the public relations director, has sent us a video produced by the college. In it we learned new facts about Luella St. Clair Moss: that she was a member of *Who's Who in America*, and that besides being on

the local school board she was a member of the state and national school board. Marilyn, Joni and Pam went to Columbia College on June 19 to look at the archives. Sadly, we found nothing new about Luella there. It appears that her archives are somewhere else. The staff did give us 2 handouts - one about her run for congress and one was the script from the video when Luella was inducted into the Boone County Hall of Fame. That script states that John Dalton was Luella's chauffeur when she ran for Congress. He became governor in 1960 and credited learning much of his political knowledge to Luella.

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GUEST SPEAKER ON “MEDICARE FOR ALL”

It is important that the public understands the issues and participates in the dialogue involving the current and future state of our healthcare system. The local chapter of Physicians for a National Healthcare Program has invited a nationally known speaker to talk about “The Time for Medicare for All” here in Columbia.

Our League chapter is co-sponsoring the program on September 26 at noon in the Medical School Building, 1 Hospital Drive, Lester Bryant Auditorium (Room M105). The speaker, Dr. Claudia Fegan, is a practicing internal medicine physician and Chief Medical Officer for the Cook County (IL) health system.

Mark your calendars for Dr. Fegan’s talk! You can park in the University Hospital Patient Parking garage located on the east side of the building, walk into the hospital on the lobby floor, and at the Information Desk ask for directions to the Bryant Auditorium (M105).

Here is some background information about the healthcare system in the U.S. provided by Physicians for a National Healthcare Program:

The quality of our healthcare system ranks at the bottom of the developed world despite soaring

costs. News headlines regularly reveal the growth of predatory profiteering and record numbers of health-related bankruptcies, even among those who have health insurance. Here are just a few reasons why advocates believe now is the time to enact a comprehensive single-payer reform:



- Healthcare is a human right, and Single-payer “Medicare for All” will be the most affordable and equitable path to universal coverage for all residents of the US.
- The efficiencies gained by converting a highly fragmented payer system like ours — where a single provider may have scores of insurance companies they must deal with — into a system where a single payer functions as the intermediary will reduce administrative overhead for providers and render for-profit insurance companies unnecessary. This streamlining will eliminate 30% of current healthcare costs, and these monies can be used to provide health care currently unavailable to those not insured.

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University of Missouri -

- Ellis Library will do a photography exhibit
- Black Studies Dept. - April Langley will speak Oct. 29
- Womens’ Studies – Kate will contact Julie Almond
- History Department - Dr. Catherine Rympf, chair, will speak August 25 on U.S. Women’s Political History
- Theater Department - Heather Carver has offered to work w/ us. They are having a play in March 2020 about Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas.
- Ann Deaton has offered to contact Chancellor Cartright about a possible joint activity.

Columbia Public Library - will be doing a book exhibit. Tim Dollens has offered to do his presentation on the “Women of Boone County Who Changed the World” at any time we ask. Tim has

also given us pertinent newspaper articles. The library cosponsored the July 14 movie and will cosponsor the September 30 event.

NAACP - Pam has contacted Mary Ratliff. They are having a campaign kickoff at the Second Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 27 with voting registration and a panel. (See pg.1 article)

We continue to need letters written by members in support of naming the next school for Luella St. Clair Moss to be sent to Helen Wade, President of the Columbia School Board.

We also need artifacts relating to the early years of the Columbia LWV for the exhibit at the Boone County History and Culture Center.

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net

MEDICARE FOR ALL

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- With government acting as single purchaser, skyrocketing costs will be constrained because all hospitals, providers, drug companies, equipment manufacturers and other vendors will participate in Medicare price negotiations to have a market for their products and services.
- Consumers will gain more choices among hospitals and providers than are currently offered by the limited provider networks of commercial health insurance plans.
- Providers will remain independently owned and operated, and compete with one another on quality and service to provide care for patients.
- The current Medicare program will be expanded to include dental, vision, mental health and long-term care coverages that are not currently part of the traditional Medicare program. Current enrollees will benefit from the expanded coverage as well as the addition of healthy younger people into the program to financially sustain the program into the future. The VA and Indian Health Services will remain as they currently are, and will not be folded into "Medicare for All".
- Members of Congress will be enrolled in the same healthcare plan as their constituents, and

hence work to ensure its quality and sustainability.

- There will be no copays, deductibles, or premiums for consumers. Medical bankruptcies will cease. The system will be financed by taxes, and most people will pay less for healthcare than they do now, despite the added benefits.
- Employers will be freed from the obligation of providing health insurance, and may convert the amount of the former healthcare benefit into wages.
- No longer tied to an employer for the purpose of obtaining health insurance, workers will be free to pursue greater career and geographic mobility, including entrepreneurship and innovation, which will be a boon to the economy.

Please Note: Most of these advantages of a single-payer system would be left undone by the addition of a "public" option to our current system, or to other proposals that could be called "Medicare for Those Who Want It." In fact, insurance companies are excited about the opportunity to offer products as a "public option" at great taxpayer expense.

— Jan Swaney

LWV MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$100 FOR 100 YEARS CAMPAIGN

Renewals are due for the 2020 by August 31. This coming year is a very special one for our League as you see by the reports from the Anniversary Committee!!

Will you consider honoring the 100 years of our league by increasing your 2020 dues to \$100 for individual and \$135 for Household?

The additional funds will be used to cover expenses for all the wonderful events planned during the upcoming anniversary year.

— Meredith Donaldson

FRIENDS OF THE LWV OF COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY

The LWV of Columbia-Boone County recognizes the many organizations and individuals who have helped us educate the public, provided meeting space, and given of their time, talent and treasure to the LWV. Each month we recognize a group of our Friends of the LWV as voted on by the LWV of Columbia-Boone County membership at our Annual Meeting on May 1, 2019. For August 2019 we recognize:

- **Lindsay Baker** for being our Lunch and Learn speaker on "Taxation Fairness" on October 16, 2018.
- **James Roarck-Gruender** and **Lili Vianello** for being our guests on the CAT TV show "The Columbia Business Loop Corridor" on September 12, 2018.
- **Columbia Public Library** for co-sponsoring many events and forums and providing meeting rooms, and **Lauren Williams** for hosting and setting up forums.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!



Upcoming League Events!



AUGUST 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | AUGUST 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m. | 8 Suffragists on Parade State Fair, Sedalia Inclusivity and Diversity Conf. Columbia College | 9 | 10 |
| 11 100th Anniversaries Committee 2 p.m. UU Church | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m. | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Celebrate Passage of XIX Amendmt Boone County History and Culture Center 2-4 p.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| SEPT. 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m. | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Lunch&Learn: Income Inequality & One Read Book, <u>Nomadland</u>. Speaker Steve Hollis Noon, Library | 25 | 26 Medicare for All Noon Medical School Bldg, M105 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 “Women Judges: Women’s Role in Justice” Library 7p.m. | | | | | |

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| <p>LWV Officers: President: Marilyn McLeod (445-3500) 1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (424-9668) 2nd VP: Diane Suhler (443-0549) Secretary: Carol Schreiber (657-0639) Treasurer: Ruth Milledge (268-9591)</p> <p>Elected Directors: Kate Canterbury (214-536-1300) Susan Clark (446-1678) Meredith Donaldson (289-3018) Elaine Blodgett (256-2803) Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366) Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605) Mahree Skala (474-2195) Pam Springsteel (445-0642)</p> <p>Appointed Director: Dick Parker (256-4397)</p> <p>Committee Chairs: 100th Anniversary: Pam Springsteel Budget: Census: Carol Schreiber Civil Liberties: Marilyn McLeod Clean Missouri: Sharon Schneeberger Education: Open Energy & Climate: Dick Parker ERA: Teri Miller Fundraising: Pam Springsteel Health: Mahree Skala Hospitality: Pam Springsteel Membership: Meredith Donaldson Mental Health: Mahree Skala Speakers Bureau: Open Voter Service: Carol Schreiber</p> <p>Voter Editor: Ava Fajen</p> <p>Local Website: lwvcbc.org State: lwvmissouri.org National: lwv.org</p> <p>Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"</p> | <p align="center">2020 RENEWALS DUE AUG. 31. PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING AT \$100 FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY (\$135 HOUSEHOLD)</p> |
| | <p align="center">In Memory</p> <p>Patsy Danner, long time member and LWV-CBC president from 1998-2002, passed on July 12, 2019. She was 90 years old. Pat was passionate about peace and women's rights and took every opportunity to vote. Pat was never afraid to speak her mind and taught her daughters and granddaughters to do the same.</p> |
| | <p align="center">2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM</p> <p>Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 for a household, and \$25 for local students. Individual and household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and national (LWVUS) membership.</p> <p>In honor of our 100th Anniversary, would you consider increasing dues for 2020? (Individual \$100; Household \$135).</p> <p>Send to PO Box 239, Columbia, MO. 65205</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>Street _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State and Zip Code _____</p> <p>Telephone _____</p> <p>I am particularly interested in _____.</p> <p>I would like to receive my Voter by postal mail _____</p> <p>(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)</p> |



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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Recently I read an article (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/renewable-energy-electricity-surpasses-coal-in-us-for-the-first-time/>) that provided U.S. Energy Information Administration data showing that in April of this year the U.S. generated more energy from renewables than from coal! This is great news, and Columbia has played a part in it.

Within the United States, in April, coal generated 20% of the energy, renewables generated 22%, and natural gas generated 58%.

The article has a graph that shows the monthly percentages for the last 15 years. Renewable energy started growing rapidly about 10 years ago. Coal started dropping about 11 years ago as natural gas growth was picking up.

There is an annual trend every year, with renewables peaking in April and lowest in the

summer. This reflects energy from wind. Spring has the most wind and the lowest electric demand.

In the Midwest the peak electricity use is in the summer on sunny, hot, muggy afternoons and early evenings, driven by air conditioning.

Wind patterns in the region all year have higher winds at night than the daytime. There is more wind in the winter than the summer but most in the spring when electric use is lowest. Solar energy is highest when the sun is highest in the sky, noon on summer solstice in late June. July and August are the months with the highest electricity demand with the peak occurring about 4 to 6 PM in Columbia.



Consequently, regional wind and solar can not meet Columbia's electricity needs every hour of the year without other sources.

— Dick Parker, Chair, Energy & Climate Committee