

---



# Call to Annual Meeting

The League of Women Voters Kansas City/Jackson/Clay/Platte Counties

---

[www.lwvkc.org](http://www.lwvkc.org) - email. [lwvkjcp@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvkjcp@yahoo.com) 816-464-1800

**SATURDAY, May 20, 2017**

**Community Christian Church**

**4601 Main Street, KCMO**

**9:30 social time**

**10:00 to 2:00 meeting, guest speaker and lunch**

## Summary of Agenda

- Speaker - Denise Lieberman, Esq.
- Election of Officers and Board of Directors of LWVKC/J/C/P
- Review and approval of budget
- Committee Reports
- Direction from Members to the Board
- Lunch

Please RSVP to [cmarnold@live.com](mailto:cmarnold@live.com) or 816 333-6059 if you plan to attend and if you want lunch. Our lunch will be lasagna (includes a vegetarian one), salad, dessert and drink. Lunch is optional. If you would like to have lunch please send your donation (\$15 suggested) to Caroline Arnold at 1912A NW Cherry Street, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. Any donations received over the actual cost of the lunch will help fulfill our recent pledge of \$1,570 to support the LWVMO state office in St. Louis.

XXXXXX

Co-Presidents' Message - Donna Hoch and Linda Vogel Smith

The Annual Meeting is a turning point in the year for our League. We will elect new officers and Directors on the Board, review and approve a budget for our 2017-2018 fiscal year and have the opportunity for members in attendance to provide direction to the Board of Directors. If there are any recommended by-law changes, the Annual Meeting is when these are reviewed and voted upon. This year, there are none.

The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of candidates for Co-Presidents and Vice President and to fill vacancies on the Board. At the Annual Meeting, if any member wishes to nominate another candidate, including themselves, they are free to do so.

Of importance is the members' directions to the Board. We need to know whether members want to see more emphasis on a particular issue or issues, whether members have recommendations for participation in particular types of events/activities, whether there are ideas for improving meetings, forums, and more. Members also have the opportunity to sign-up to participate in League committees and specific activities. We recognize that some members simply enjoy

coming to the monthly meetings to learn about issues while others want to work on voter registration, researching an issue, helping with the Voters' Guide and Vote 411, setting up a forum, working on Women's Equality Week, speaking to other groups about the League and on ballot issues.

We will have a guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. This year, our speaker is Denise Lieberman, Senior Attorney with the Advancement Project. Her biographical sketch follows:

### GUEST SPEAKER - DENISE LIEBERMAN, ESQ.

Denise Lieberman is a Senior Attorney with the Advancement Project which is focused on voter protection. She is also the Lead for the Voter Protection Coalition in Missouri. Our League is a member of that Coalition.

Denise is a seasoned constitutional and civil rights lawyer. She works on the ground in Missouri in addition to advancing broad voter protection initiatives nationwide, engaging in policy analysis, lobbying, legal advocacy, litigation and community building to advance electoral reform, including spearheading a nationwide advocacy effort to combat repressive voting legislation. She has emerged as a nationwide expert on voting identification laws, preparing testimony for a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on new voting laws.

Denise is the author of a seminal report on voter ID laws: *"What's Wrong With this Picture? New Photo ID Proposals Part of a National Push to Turn back the Clock on Voting rights,"* which *The New York Times* wrote that it accurately characterized this trend as the largest rollback to voting rights in a century, and she has been involved in litigation challenging photo ID laws in Missouri, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Denise has testified before legislative bodies in Missouri and other states and works closely with election officials and community groups to advance administrative and legal reform in election administration.

Denise has been on the forefront of election reform in Missouri since 2000, when she helped bring suit to keep the polls open after hundreds of St. Louis voters were wrongly turned away from the polls on Election Day. Her subsequent class action lawsuit on behalf of the city's African American voters spurred a Justice Department consent decree. Before joining the Advancement Project in 2006, Denise spent nearly a decade as the Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri, where she litigated dozens of constitutional and civil liberties cases in state and federal courts.

Denise currently serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Political Science and School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis, where she teaches courses on constitutional laws, civil rights and voting rights.

XX

## ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD DIRECTORS

Note: Election of officers and Directors on the Board is government by the LWVKC/J/C/P by-laws Article V, Section 1, page30, which reads as follows:

*“The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the LEAGUE, up to 6 Directors elected by the annual meeting and not more than 6 directors appointed by the elected members if the Board. One half of the directors shall be elected or appointed in odd numbered years and the remaining one half in the even numbered years. All officers and directors are elected for two year terms or until their successors are elected or appointed. Vacancies other than the Presidency may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board.”*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2017-2019

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Pauline Testerman, and committee members M.J. McCall and Joyce Fulps, presented the following recommendations to the LWV/KC/J/C/P at its April 2017 Board Meeting. The Board approved the following slate of candidates for presentation to Members at the May 2017 Annual Meeting:

#### Recommended for Election as Officers:

Co-President: Donna Hoch - Term of office being voted upon: 2017 - 2019  
(Note: Originally elected Co-President in 2015 for a two-year term of 2015-2017)

Co-President: Evelyn Maddox - Term of office being voted upon: 2017 - 2019  
(Note: left Director’s two-year term of 2016-2018 to run for Co-President)

Vice President: Linda Smith - Term of office being voted upon: 2017 - 2018  
(Note: Completing Charles Steele's term)

**Recommended for Election as Directors:**

Cheryl Barnes 2017-2019

Dixie Brown 2017-2019

Pauline Testerman 2017-2019

Paula Zaiss 2017 - 2019

**Recommended for Election to Serve as Nominating Committee for 2018:**

M.J. McCall, Chair; Joyce Fulps, Linda Smith

**The following individuals were elected in 2016 and will continue their terms until May 2018. No vote is required:**

Secretary: Anitra Steele - 2016-2018

Treasurer: Caroline Arnold - 2016-2018

Pat Goodwin: 2016 - 2018

Pauli Kendrick: 2016-2018

Sue Scholl: 2016 - 2018

**THE FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF NOMINEES AND THOSE CONTINUING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Caroline Arnold:**

Caroline has a B.S. in nursing, an M.A. in Adult Education, and an M. S. in Social Gerontology. Her professional life was spent in clinical, administrative, and

educational areas of nursing. She has worked in Longview, Washington; Saudi Arabia; and Kansas City. Caroline is also a Master Gardener. Caroline joined the League of Women Voters and became involved first with voter registration. She has been a Board member since 2014 and is now serving as Treasurer. Caroline appreciates the opportunity the League has offered to learn about the legislative process and issues, and to work with enthusiastic, dedicated persons.

**Cheryl Barnes:**

Cheryl's career is in public relations and communications. She moved back to the Kansas City area from Appleton, Wisconsin to help her elderly parents. She was active in the Appleton, Wisc. LWV and that continues in Kansas City. Cheryl and Donna Hoch proposed and co-chaired the Kansas City-led state study on early voting, which was adopted by the State. She co-chaired the local Water study which was co-chaired by Pauli Kendrick to update our position on water. She participated in the Agriculture Study. Most recently she worked on the Barriers to Voting Task Force, a group that met with the KC Election Board to review polling locations. She has also served as a moderator for candidate forums. She would like for us to be the "go to" resource for voting, voters' rights and certain areas of legislation. Cheryl can often be heard on local radio programs, speaking on behalf of the League.

**Dixie Brown:**

Dixie Brown was the Food Service Director of the North Kansas City Schools for 30 years, implementing policies and procedures to meet the increasing need for free lunches and improvements in food choices for children. She feels she has direct knowledge of how changing financial times affect the health and learning ability of children. She has three children and four grandchildren. Since her retirement, her desire is to invest some of her energy in efforts to leave them a good government. Dixie became interested in League when she visited a meeting in Texas with her cousin. She feels League stands far and above other organizations and she values its impartiality. She says the speakers are enlightening, and she also enjoys the process of selecting, reviewing, and discussing an issue and arriving at a consensus. Dixie works on the board on the membership committee, and would like to see an increase in membership so more people can engage in this process.

**Pat Goodwin:**

Pat is married with two adult children and four outstanding

grandchildren. She holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in special education. During her career, she taught students with disabilities in kindergarten through post-secondary. In 2010 she retired from Metropolitan Community College where she directed a program for students with learning disabilities and other neurological disorders in the Penn Valley campus. A relative newcomer to League, she is grateful for the warm welcome she received when she decided to show up for a regular meeting in January of 2015. She is interested in voter registration and voting rights. In addition to serving as a voter registrar, she provided leadership for the planning and production of the 2016 Voters Guide and most recently, VOTE411.org.

**Donna Hoch:**

Donna is a retired medical social worker with two children and three grandchildren. She and her husband enjoy visiting national parks, historic sites, and camping. Donna is a long-time member of League, over forty years, and has held many board responsibilities, including voter service, leading the early voting state study, vice president, membership chair, and now Co-President. Outreach and membership growth has always been of importance to Donna, but the association with LWV members has been her most rewarding experience.

**Pauli Kendrick:**

Pauli is a longtime League member, joining the League in Springfield, Missouri in the late 1960's and joining the local League after she moved to the Kansas City area in the 2000's. She has a college background in education and political science. She retired from Southwestern Bell after 20 years. She lives in Weatherby Lake, where she has served on various boards and became the first female mayor, serving for 8 years. She has found the League most rewarding when working with state and federal issues, learning current and historic information. Pauli is interested in education, voter services, and environmental issues. She has served on the LWVMO state board. She has served on our board for many years and is working to enhance our connections with other organizations in the North Land area. Her main interest is getting people out to vote and providing information necessary for educated choices.

### **M. J. McCall:**

**M. J. McCall has a degree in American Studies from the University of Minnesota and is a retired Special Education Teacher of 22 years. She currently teaches adults working on their high school equivalency certificates. M. J. has been an active member of the League of Women Voters since the 1970's in Minnesota, Texas, California, and Missouri. M. J. believes in the power of 1 person 1 vote, and feels the League of Women Voters is instrumental in pursuit of this goal. M. J. will serve as chair of the nominating committee for next year. M.J. is deeply concerned about gun violence and has stood witness along with others, including some League members, outside of gun shows.**

### **Evelyn Maddox:**

**Evelyn is from Pratt County, Kansas. She obtained a Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business Administration from Wichita State University. She is retired from a career in Human Resource Management, where she earned the Senior Professional in Human Resources certification. She also worked as an HRM consultant to small businesses. After retirement, she served as a Certified Medicare Consultant for the Missouri State Health Insurance Program and AmeriCorps for three years. Evelyn is an active member of the local Grandparents Against Gun Violence. She is serving her first term on our board, where she directed our action against the Missouri Voter I. D. bill, including our participation in a phone bank. Evelyn has agreed to serve with Donna Hoch as Co-President next year.**

### **Sue Scholl:**

**Sue Scholl is a retired community health nurse, who volunteers with the Red Cross in the Medical Reserve Corp. Sue has long been interested in areas regarding social justice. She has been a League member for over ten years and is impressed with the way League studies political issues and works to educate the public about those issues. Sue has served on board for many years, managing our voter registration program in Kansas City. She has also been active in candidate forums.**



**Linda Smith:**

Linda Smith retired from a 40 year career with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services with the majority of her time spent in Washington, D. C. where most of her work was in the field of international health. In 2003, she came to Kansas City to serve as HHS Regional Health Administrator, Region VII (Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska). Linda was a member of the Federal Senior Executive Service. She served two terms on the Kansas City, Missouri Mayor's Health Commission, two terms on the Board of the International Relations Council, and one term on the board of the Kansas City United Nations Association chapter. Linda has been a member of the League since 2007, when she retired from the federal government. She has been very active with the League, including hosting League events in her home, arranging for many of our speakers and programs, writing/editing The Voter, and serving as President and Co-President for the last few years. She will now serve the board as Vice-President, but continue her writing and other activities, as well as serving on the nominating committee next year. She was elected to the LWVMO Board at its April 29 meeting.

**Anitra Steele:**

Anitra is a retired children's librarian from Mid-Continent Public Library and is a puppeteer with the Two Frogs and a Turtle Puppet Company, specializing in puppet shows for ages 3-8. She has been a member of League for over 20 years. Anitra has served on the board for many years, including as President. Currently she is secretary and also assists her husband Charles Steele with candidate forums. Anitra noted that the opportunity to meet several League National Presidents and assist when we hosted international visitors has been very rewarding.

**Pauline Testerman:**

Pauline has a bachelor's degree in English and a Master's Degree in

Library Science. She recently retired from working as an archivist at the Harry S. Truman Library for 39 years. Pauline joined the League of Women Voters around 1979, first in Kansas City, Kansas, then Independence, Missouri. She has served on the board for many years, mostly as Secretary, now as a Director who has mostly concentrated on studies, including the immigration study, the agriculture study, and the U. S. Constitution study. Pauline has enjoyed representing the League at two national conventions and she is enjoying seeing the growth in membership and action with our League.

**Paula Zaiss**

Paula was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She is a first generation American. She attended Brooklyn College and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Marketing was her major interest. She married an Army Officer in 1968 and lived in numerous places in the United States and in Germany and Central America. She had a career in the fashion industry. She began work with the Christian Foundation for Children and the Aging in the 1990's and considers that work to be her most life altering experience. She joined the League in 2015. Since then she has played a key role on the membership committee updating our membership data bases and outreach to potential members.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

**REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2017-2018**

The proposed budget was developed by the Budget Committee, under the leadership of Caroline Arnold, Treasurer. Members' questions about the budget will be answered and there will be discussion.

**LWVKC/J/C/P Budget for July 1, 2017 to  
June 30, 2018**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Budget  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Revenues

2017  
-2018

## Dues

Members (100 @ \$60)	\$6,000.00
Additional (12 @\$30)	\$360.00
Student (2 @ \$30)	\$60.00
Life (4 @ \$0)	\$0.00
Associate ( under Age 16)	\$0.00

## Promotional Products

Promotional Items (pins, etc.)	\$50.00
Printed Material (Materials with LWV Logo)	\$25.00
Other	

## Donations

Member Donations	\$100.00
Non-member Donations	
Educations Fund	\$500.00
Voter Guide	
Other	

## Conference/Convention Prepay

Fall	\$160.00
Spring	\$160.00

Holiday Luncheon \$550.00

Annual Meeting \$550.00

Fundraising \$2,262.00

## In Kind Revenues

Funds from Reserve \$1,284.00

Reimbursement From LVMO

Income

Total \$12,061  
.00

**Expe  
nses**

**A. Social Media**

Domain Name \$19.00  
League Easy Web \$0.00

**B.  
Administration**

Postage \$100.00  
PO Box \$112.00  
Printing (Members Handbook)  
Telephone \$162.00  
LWVKC Voter  
Missouri Business Registration \$11.00

**C.  
Board**

Regular Meetings Reimbursement \$150.00  
President \$100.00  
Membership Committee (Scholarships) \$75.00  
Misc. Expenses (Civic Hosting) \$100.00  
Travel to State Board Meetings \$250.00

**D. Delegates - Meetings**

State Convention  
Registration Fee  
Hotel  
Meals  
National Convention

Registration	\$450.00
Hotel	\$800.00
Airfare	\$300.00
State Conferences	
Fall	\$160.00
Spring	\$160.00
Annual Meeting	\$550.00
General Meetings (Community Christian Church)	\$150.00

**E. Programs and Activities**

Coalition Building	
Women's Equality Week	
Sponsorship	\$100.00
Refreshments	\$100.00
Printing	\$175.00
Grandparents against Gun Violence	\$100.00
NAACP and Black Sororities	\$200.00
	\$100
Other	
Forums	
Postage	\$50.00
Supplies	\$40.00
	\$100.00
Venue	
Technical Support	\$100.00
Custodial Support	\$70.00
Legislative Interviews	
Printing	
Postage	
Voter Guide 411	
On Line Access Fee	\$300.00

Printing	\$200.00
Publicity	
Voter Guide Publication	
Printing	
Postage	
Transportation	
Lobbying	\$500.00
Holiday Luncheon	\$550.00
<b>G. Assessments and Pledges</b>	
National PMPs	\$2,512.00
State PMPs	\$1,570.00
<b>H. Promotional products</b>	
Promotional Items	\$50.00
Printed Material	\$25.00
Other	
<b>I. Fundraising</b>	
<b>J. Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	
<b>K. In-Kind Expenses</b>	
<b>L. Donations to LWVMO</b>	\$1,570.00
	<u>0</u>
	<b>\$12,061.00</b>

*Revised May 1,  
2017*

Caroline Arnold, Treasurer

XXXXXX

**REPORTS AS FOLLOWS**

Our League is involved in many activities throughout the year. There are far too many to report here. We have endeavored both to announce activities and report on them in the monthly issues of *The Voter*. We are, therefore, not reporting again on all of this work. At the end of this document, you will find a historical list prepared by Pat Russell and Donna Hoch.

The following are selected reports on recent activities and from select standing committees:

### LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS Missouri General Assembly Spring 2017

Members of the League of Women Voters of Kansas City/Jackson/Clay/Platte counties contacted 27 legislators from the Kansas City area, and 19 responded (70%) to our invitation to answer questions about their legislative goals. Thirty League members who volunteered for this effort reported multiple attempts to contact and engage with legislators and, as indicated by the various modes of contact, were flexible in how they received responses.

Based on the number of legislators contacted and anecdotal reports from League members, this effort resulted in positive encounters between the League and members of the Missouri General Assembly and, hopefully, will further strengthen our relationship with our representatives.

Four of the five senators (80%) in the greater Kansas City area have responded to the requests for information. One Senator responded to an in-person interview, two responded via email, and one was interviewed over the phone. One Senator did not respond to requests for an interview.

Fifteen of 22 (68%) representatives responded to requests for interviews and either answered questions or provided other information.

The following league members volunteered to contact and meet with legislators from the greater Kansas City area. We are grateful for their efforts and for their work to build sound relationships with the men and women who represent us in the general assembly.

Carol Adams, Caroline Arnold, Nancy Bailey, Cheryl Barnes, Delores Blaser, Dixie Brown, Anne Calvert, Annie DeSimone, Rosemary Durkin, Joyce Fulps, Mary Glover, Donna Hoch, Pat Keairnes, Jean Ann Kouns, Mary Lindsay, Evelyn Maddox, Joann and Armand Matthews, Jane McClain, Linda Mc Curry, Sandy Mikulich, Joan Pratt, Linda Smith, Anitra Steele, Rebekkah Stuteville, Sherry Templeton, Marianne Watson, Susan Watson, Carolyn Weeks and Paula Zaiss worked on this project.

## **Voter Guides**

The League of Women Voters of Kansas City/Jackson/Clay/Platte counties made voter education a priority last year.

*General Election, November 2016:* Last fall before the November 8 general election, 10,000 voter guides were printed and distributed to over 50 locations in the Kansas City area. Distribution sites included Mid-Continent and Kansas City, Missouri Public Libraries, Kansas City Parks and Recreation community centers, LINC locations, YMCAs and churches.

The *2016 Voters Guide*, a collaborative project with LWVMO, provided voters in Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties with candidate statements from national, statewide, and local legislative district races as well as information on key state, Jackson County, and Kansas City, Missouri ballot issues.



Thirteen businesses, community organizations, and individuals, as well as 21 local LWV members, contributed \$2750 to fund this project. After expenses for producing the guide, LWV KC/J/C/P shared half the proceeds with LWVMO to compensate the state league for providing information on statewide races.

*General Municipal Election, April 2017:* On March 15, the League of Women Voters of KC/J/C/P launched [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), an online voter guide and 'one stop shop' for nonpartisan election information. Over 250 races from Kansas City, Jackson, Clay, Cass, and Platte counties were identified and loaded onto the website. These races represented more than 400 candidates who ran for county, municipal, and school board positions and over 80 ballot questions.

One of the hallmarks of [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) is its capability to use a voter's address to pull only the races that she will see on her ballot. To do this, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) files for the counties, cities and towns, school districts, and special districts in Jackson, Cass, Clay, and Platte counties were identified, acquired, and loaded. Additionally, for smaller jurisdictions for which GIS data was not available, such as alderman wards, instructions for voters on how to identify their ward was developed and loaded.

Another feature of the website is soliciting biographical and other information from candidates. To get candidates' email addresses, every town, school district, and special district that had candidates running for office had to be identified and contacted. Email addresses for 80 candidates were found, and when contacted, 26 responded.

Introducing [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to voters was the final step in the project, and the PR committee provided a comprehensive publicity campaign.

Members designed and distributed flyers directing voters to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Lamar Advertising donated a digital billboard for one week that displayed the April 4 election date and directed voters to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Local radio stations ran public service announcements, and the Kansas City Star ran a guest column on how to use the website. As a result, data provided by VOTE411 showed that the Kansas City metropolitan area accounted for 23% of the total hits in the state of Missouri.

The next election is scheduled for August 8, and the Voters Guide Committee will begin planning to update [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) in May. The members of the *2016 -17 Voters Guide*

committee are Delores Blaser, Sandy Eeds, Joyce Fulps, Pat Goodwin, Donna Hoch, Symie Menitove, Peg Prendergast, Margie Richcreek, Sue Scholl.

Submitted by Pat Goodwin and Peg Prendergast

## FORUMS

During the 2016-2017 campaign/election year, our League sponsored, co-sponsored or participated (e.g. provided the moderator, time keeper or other assistance) in eight forums, as follows:

A State representative/senate primary candidate forum with the Northeast Area Chamber of Commerce of KCMO. Delores Blaser of the League provided leadership for this event.

In September, Co-President Linda Smith served as moderator and member Cheryl Barnes served as time keeper at the annual breakfast forum hosted by the Parkville and other area Chambers of Commerce. This forum involved elected officials from the KCMO City Council, south Platte County mayors, Platte County Council leadership, MO

General Assembly members from south Platte County and representatives of the offices of Claire McCaskill and Roy Blunt.

In September, Co-President Linda Smith served as moderator at a forum in Platte City of Republican candidates for south Platte County Council.

In October, Co-President Linda Smith was matched with State Senator Rob Schaff at a forum hosted by the Northland AAUW at Park University. They debated proposed Missouri constitutional Amendment 6 on Voter ID.

For the April 4 elections, there were four events. Three were on ballot issues and the fourth was a candidate forum in Raymore. Two forums were held in the Northland in cooperation with Northland Neighbors, Inc. The proposed GO bonds were covered in the first forum and featured Mayor James and City Manager Schulte. The second Northland was on the ballot issues on East Side Development and on penalties for marijuana and was held on March 30 also, in the Northland. On March 30, a forum at the Bruce Watkins Center was co-sponsored by our League in cooperation with the NAACP. All KCMO ballot issues were addressed.

Finally, on March 28, we co-sponsored with the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce a forum for the eleven city alderman candidates.

By working with other groups, we have increased the visibility of event and attendance.

Submitted by Anitra and Charles Steele

#### **MEMBERS LOBBY AT EQUAL PAY DAY EVENT**

LWV members Pat Russell, Sue Scholl, Caroline Arnold, Donna Hoch, Annie DeSimone and Evelyn Maddox were among 112 participants in “Equal Pay Day” events in the State Capitol on April 4. They and

others were in the Capitol to lobby the General Assembly for pay equity, primarily, but also on behalf of other critical issues for women. April 4 was nationally recognized as the day when the typical U.S. woman, who works full-time, would have worked all of 2016 plus until April 4, 2017, to earn as much as a full-time male employee would have earned on December 31, 2016. Pay disparity for women remains at about 80 cents earned for each \$1 earned by men.

Participants were briefed at an orientation session on how to meet their State Senator and Representative to advocate for or against bills currently under consideration. Of focus were bills relating to equal pay, human trafficking, and scholarships for private educational institutions. Representative Lauren Arthur addressed the group about the challenges of lobbying. Collee Coble from the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence spoke about bills relating to violence concerns. Legislators who spoke about bills they had proposed were Senators Scot Sifton (SB 205 Equal Pay), and Gina Walsh (SB 350 Equal Pay), and Representatives Jean Evans (HB 270 Marriage Bill), and Cloria Brown (HB 261 Human Trafficking Hotline Poster). Proposed SB 32 for Empowerment Scholarship Accounts was also discussed. Finally, State Auditor Nicole Galloway, CPA, the highest-ranking woman holding elective office shared information about how she and her staff audit all state agencies, boards and commissions, the court system, and counties that do not have a county auditor.

It was a very productive day for participants because of collaborative planning by Missouri AAUW, Planned Parenthood, and the National Council of Jewish Women, St. Louis. Thanks to our local AAUW Chapter which arranged for comfortable bus travel from Kansas City for LWV/KC/J/C/P members and others.

Submitted by Evelyn Maddox

## VOTER SERVICES

### Voter Registration

The LWV registration team did over 50 registration events between April 2016 and April 2017. This is up from 30+ for 2015-2016. These were held at schools, libraries, church fairs, health fairs, Pride Fest V., for the first time at Kauffman Stadium at Royal's games, at the VA Hospital, debate watch events, social events, media events, first Friday events, food pantries, neighborhood fairs, naturalization ceremonies, and the IRS.

Over 400 people were registered including 159 at the Royals games.

We have done six voter education events on registering, photo ID, filling out voter registration mail-in cards, and the importance of voting.

Twenty League member registrars did this great work. A big thanks to all who helped.

Submitted by Sue Scholl

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our membership has grown by about 30% over the past year. Several of our new members have become active participants in work such as establishing the VOTE 411 site, helping out at forums, and more. Our membership data base has been completely updated with the expectation that this will improve communication with members.

CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE FOR HISTORICAL RECORD OF PAST YEAR

## HISTORICAL CALENDAR OF OUR WORK OVER THE PAST YEAR

### LWV of KC/JCP Historian Report for 2016/17 League Year

June 6 Columbia, MO training “Vote No on Amendment 6”--Donna Hoch & Evelyn Maddox

July 20 Columbia training “Vote No on Amendment 6”--Linda Vogel-Smith, Jack Smith & Evelyn Maddox

August through Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> **Amendment 6**

26 League members contributed 216 hours of their time and efforts to “NIX SIX!”

League members made 12,195 call attempts. Callers were Caroline

Arnold, Pat Goodwin, Donna Hoch, Mary Lindsay, Evelyn Maddox, Pauline Testerman, Sherry Templeton, Peg Prendergast, Paula Zaiss, Joyce Fulps, Eloise Weatherford, Polly Swafford, Bertie Daw, Carolyn Weeks, Sue Scholl, Jan Cohen, Linda Smith, Jack Smith, Sandy Eeds, Gordon Risk, Delores Blaser, Pat Russell, Margie Richcreek, Alice Kitchen, Susan Watson, and Sher Wilde, Jean Ann Kouns, & Ann Johnson.

10,000 Vote No postcards were distributed by League Chapters across the State—KC did 2,000

On Election Day, volunteers from the local Coalition were at poll sites to hand out “Vote NO!” material. Pat Russell, Donna Hoch, Linda Smith, Paula Zaiss, and Evelyn Maddox worked at Kansas City sites assigned by the Coalition. Ann Mesle worked the legal phone line for Voter Protection. Cheryl Barnes’ wrote Public Service Announcements on radio and appearances on KKFI and KPRT by Cheryl Barnes, Linda Vogel Smith, Pat Goodwin, Donna Hoch, and Evelyn Maddox promoted the Vote NO!

Continue to participate in biweekly telephone conference calls of the **Voter Protection Coalition** and to meet with the local members of the Coalition.

June 10 through June 23 - **Outreach to Hispanic Community**

June 10 KC Hispanic News editor/owner - interviewed Delores Blaser about importance of voting.

June 17 - Dos Mundos Spanish program at KYYS 1250AM in KCK - Delores Blaser  
Cheryl Barnes  
June 20 - KKFI - Spanish program Volunteer Spanish Interpreter  
June 21- KKFI - Spanish program in English - Delores Blaser  
New paper articles and/or photos: KC Hispanic News, Dos Mundos, 2`mas2KC.

### **Forums:**

June 23 Primary Candidates' forum NE Area-front page coverage & color photos in Northeast News and The Examiner.  
Sept 8—Forum at All Souls Universalist- KCMO Vote No on Amendment 6—Ron Berry and Linda Smith  
Sept. 14—Platte County Legislative Breakfast sponsored by Platte City, Riverside, Weston and Parkville  
Chambers at the KCI Marriott at 7:30 a.m.—Linda Smith Moderator and Cheryl Barnes time-keeper  
Oct 27 - Park University Debra McArthur AAUW —Linda Smith spoke against Amendment 6 in Debate with Sen. Schaff  
March 9 -7 pm- Informational Forum on the proposed \$800 million bond issue for infrastructure improvements, Mayor  
Sly James and City Manager Troy Schulte will be present. The venue is the conference room at 4420 NE  
Chouteau Traffic way--Co-Sponsored by Northland Neighborhoods Inc. and LWV.  
March 15-6:30 pm Forum on All 5 Issues on April 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot, co-sponsored by the NAACP & LWV  
Location: Bruce Watkins  
Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Pkwy, Kansas City, MO  
March 28 - Raytown Aldermen- Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & LWV-hosts--held at Raytown City Hall 10000 E.  
59<sup>th</sup> Street Paula Zaiss, Evelyn Maddox, Marianne Watson, Carolyn Arnold, Linda Smith and Anitra Steele  
March 30 - 7:00 p.m. Informational forum on April 4 ballot issues on marijuana and on East side development initiative &  
related sales tax increase. Northland Neighborhoods Inc. & LWV host. (NNI offices on 4420 NE Chouteau Traffic way).

### **Voter Registration Events:**

July 23-Hickman Mills Community Center Registration Event- Sue Scholl registrar  
July 27 & 28 Center School District Residency/Enrollment Clinics, Center High School, 8701 Holmes Rd., KCMO Delores  
Blaser, Sue Scholl, Bertie Daw, Elaine Lenz Joyce Fultz—registrars &on the 28<sup>th</sup>-  
Delores Blaser Fran Farah Sue  
Scholl, Jacqee Gafford.  
August 4 Elaine Lenz & Delores Blaser.  
August 6 Kansas City Public Schools, Summer fest, 2901 Troost Cheryl Barnes &  
Margie Richcreek  
August 6 Hickman Mills School District Residency/Enrollment Clinics, Early Learning Center,  
10530 Greenwood, KCMO  
Delores Blaser, Jan Cohen & Joyce Fulps August 10 Pat Goodwin, Joyce Fulps, Fran  
Farah & Sandy Eeds Aug.  
11, Elaine Lenz, Linda McCurry & Joyce Fulps  
August 19—Park University AAUW-Voter Registration - Janet Archer-handed out cards  
Aug 30 Voter Registration event at IRS Pershing Rd Office 11am-2pm Margie Richcreek, Linda  
McCurry

Sept. 27 Nat'l Voter Registration Day event at IRS Pat Goodwin  
 Sept 11 Voter Registration Event St. Therese Church 58 & Euclid 8:30-10:30 am  
 Rosemary Durkin and Sue Scholl  
 Sept 18 Voter Registration Event at St. Monica Church 18 & Paseo 8:30 to 11 a.m. Pat Goodwin  
 Registrar  
 Sept. 24, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 1, 2, 8, & 9 Plaza Library -Noon till 4 in Sept & 1 till 5 in Oct—  
 registrars were Rosemary Durkin,  
 Margie Richcreek, Jan Cohen, MJ McCall, Ann Mesle, Susan Scholl, Sandy Eeds, Pat  
 Goodwin, Joyce Fulps  
 Sept 27 Northeast Library 6000 Wilson Rd KCMO Tuesday Sept. 27 11-2pm Sue Scholl National  
 Voter Registration Day  
 Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30 Oct 1 and 2—Royal's Games Kauffman Stadium distributed cards—159  
 registered volunteers, Sue  
 Scholl, Donna Hoch, Symie & Jay Menitove, Pauline Testerman, Ann Mesal, Peg  
 Prendergast & Shannon Hennessy, MJ McCall, Caroline Arnold, Cheryl Barnes, Marianne  
 Watson, Margie Richcreek, Delores Blaser, Evelyn Maddox Paula Zaiss, Jean Ann Kouns—  
 9-27 was National Voter Registration Day  
 Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>--Hyde Park Festival—table—Voter Registration Alice Kitchen and Cheryl Barnes  
 Oct. 4 Voter registration Charlie Hoppers restaurant 63rd St. in Brookside 7-8pm a Debate  
 watch event Sue Scholl &  
 Cheryl Barnes  
 Oct 10 Voter reg. screening of movie UMKC Cheryl Barnes  
 Oct 10 & 12 Blue Ridge Midcontinent Library 9300 Blue Ridge Blvd--Jan Cohen Voter  
 Registration Oct 12 Carol Winterowd  
 Oct 10-12 Metropolitan Ministries Voter Registration from 10 to 12—Delores Blaser and Elaine  
 Lenz  
 Nov. 10th. Margie Richcreek registered new voters after the Naturalization Ceremony at  
 Central Library.  
 Dec 15 Voters registered at Naturalization Ceremony Margie Richcreek and Joyce  
 Fulps Federal Courthouse  
 March 16 Registers 49 New Citizens at the Naturalization Ceremonies US Federal Court House  
 400 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Symie  
 Menitove, Jan Cohen, Delores Blaser, Sue Scholl and Joyce Fulps (2 sessions at 10  
 am and 1 pm) 49 new  
 April 20 -Registrar Orientation (LWV members)Thursday, 6 PM, KC Library - Waldo Branch, 201  
 E. 75th St., Room A-  
 April 29 Handed out Voter Registration card at “We the Voters Film” at Screenland Armour  
 Theater 408 Armour Rd-Dixie  
 Brown, Paula Zaiss & Cheryl Barnes  
 June 20-Registrar Orientation (LWV members)

### **Voter Guides & [vote411.org](http://vote411.org)**

Oct. and Nov. **10,000 Voter Guides** distributed to MCPL & KC Libraries, Community Centers,  
 Linc , Churches, Unions, Banks, NAACP, Restart, CCO, YMCA WIC Clinic, Samuel Rodgers,  
 Linwood Min., More 2, John Knox, Colleges, Literacy KC, Homes Associations, Shepherd  
 Center, Spark, Marc, Operation Breakthrough, KC Health Dept, League Members and where  
 ever asked. Funds were raised to cover the \$3000 expense to print from members and the  
 community.  
 March 15 Go-live date for [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org). An on-line voters' guide for KC, Jackson, Clay, Platte  
 and Cass Counties  
 Candidates and ballot issues for 255 municipal, school board, and special district  
 races were entered.



March 29-April 4 Lamar Advertise donated a digital bill board advertising vote411.org located on I-70 at Brooklyn KC, MO  
Committee co-chairs—Pat Goodwin & Peg Prendergast—members Margie Richcreek, Delores Blaser, Joyce Fulps, Sandy Eeds, Symie Menitove, Sue Scholl and Donna Hoch

### **Voter Education & Speaking engagement:**

August 12 Friendship Village 3900 E 56 Terrace 4:30-6pm Presentation & Registration  
Delores Blaser Margie Richcreek

Sept. 29 Voter education (Amendment 6, and Absentee voting) and registration 2-3:30 pm Rediscover 901 NE

Independence Ave. Lee's Summit Sue Scholl Margie Richcreek

Oct. 5 Voter Reg. and Education 2-3:30 Rediscover Lee Summit took cards to Jackson County Election Board Margie

Richcreek and Sue Scholl

Oct. 7 Church Women United—Information on the Ballot Issues—Evelyn Maddox

Oct. 25 Donna Hoch spoke at “Community Together” program Penn Valley Community College about importance of

Voting in the General Election.

Oct 27 All Souls GKCWPC meeting Evelyn Maddox spoke about Amendment 6 5:30 pm

Oct. 28 Pat Goodwin was on the Alex Thomas radio show with Bob Hill from 1-2pm KPRT 1590 AM shared about the

Online voter guide

Oct. 29 Linda Smith & Cheryl Barnes were on KKFI 90.1 “Guess Who is Coming to Kansas City” MC Richardson Show 5pm. Oct.29 Caroline Arnold Presentation on Constitutional Amendments on Nov.8 Ballot Democratic Club at John Knox

Oct 30 Donna Hoch spoke at St. Luke's UMC about Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Ballot Issues

Nov 4 Alex Thomas radio show KPRT- Donna Hoch, LWV, Bob Hill, WUCD, Anita Russell ,NAACP Ballot Issues

Nov 5 MC Richardson Show KKFI-Donna Hoch, Cheryl Barnes and Anita Russell Voter Guide/ Ballot Issues

Feb 25 Speaking at NORML meeting about voter registration and the League of Women Voters- Sue Scholl & Donna Hoch

March 18 5pm MC Richardson Radio Show KKFI 90.1 to discuss ballot issues Cheryl Barnes and Donna Hoch

March 29<sup>th</sup>. Sue Scholl spoke to 15 students at Penn Valley CC on how to fill out mail in Voter Registration cards

### **Women's Equality Week—**

August 21 WEW-- Opening Night Celebration—LWVKC/ JCP participated August 22 WEW -- Women's Equality and Race Bridging the Gap to Sisterhood Bruce Watkins Cultural Center 3700 Blue Parkway co-sponsored with Alpha Kappa Alpha-Mu Omega Chapter. Delta Sigma Theta Chapter, NAACP Women, A. Phillip Randolph Institute August 24 -Voter Suppression Kansas and Missouri at the Epicenter co-sponsored with Johnson Count LWV, Mainstream, Delta Sigma Theta and A Phillip Randolph Institute, and Women for Kansas

### **Action Events participated in by the local LWV**

Sept.3 Celebrate the Vote Rally in St. .Louis Jane McClain, Peg Prendergast, Margie Richcreek, Evelyn

Maddox, Pauline Testerman, Joan Pratt & Donna Hoch attended

Sept 7—Protect the Vote Rally 4:00PM Barney Allis Plaza, 12th and Central in KC, MO Evelyn Maddox, Sue Scholl Margie

Richcreek Sandy Jiles Donna Hoch

Sept 22 Women's Resource Fair at UMKC 12pm till 2 pm University Walkway, 51st and Holmes Dixie Brown and Pauline Testerman

Sept. 28--Metro Junior League General Membership Meeting--6220 Sprint Parkway OP, KS 5-7pm

LWV table to help people register and change addresses and can have membership material. Pauli Kendrick & Donna Hoch

Oct. 10 Heartland Coalition Conference--LWV of KC/JCP Counties is a co-sponsor with Grandparents against Gun Violence

Oct. 30 Margie Richcreek, Alice Kitchen & Donna Hoch attended "Get Out the Vote Rally" SE Field House 3500 E Meyer

Oct. 30 Evelyn Maddox & Donna Hoch attended Voter Protection meeting and were trained to be observers

Nov. 12 LWV Fall Conference at Sedalia MO Attended by: Evelyn Maddox, Margie Richcreek, Caroline Arnold, Pauline

Testerman, Pat Goodwin, Peg Prendergast, Caroline Arnold, Donna Hoch, & Cheryl Barnes.

Jan 21 Members took part in Women's March in Kansas City

Jan. 27 KKFI sponsored program AMPLIFY COMMUNITY VOICES IN THE TRUMP ERA IBEW Local 124 301 E103rd Terrace KCMO Evelyn Maddox

Jan 29 Resource Fair LWV sponsored a table where we had 60 people express interest and give their contact information

January & February-interviewed our Legislative Representatives--19 out of 27 agreed to be interviewed

Jan--Feb Coalition building with our Black Sister Groups weekly meetings-Evelyn Maddox, Jane McClain, & Donna Hoch

Feb 26, Black History Program NAACP Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center Education Crisis in the Black Community-5 members attended

March 4th. Alice Kitchen & Jane McClain were on "Every Woman" radio program with Sharon Lockhart at KKFI Radio,

Women's History month Jane McClain did a second appearance speaking on Male Supremacy and the difficulty of woman being elected President.

March 20 Town Hall meetings of Rep. Randy Dunn and Rep Greg Razer Attending Delores Blaser, Rosemary Durkin and Evelyn

Maddox plus others

Great KC Justice Coalition--attending formation meetings Jan 31, Feb. 28, March 28

April 4 -10-2:30 Bus Trip to Jefferson City with AAUW to lobby for Equal Pay & Women's Issues--Sue Scholl, Evelyn

Maddox, Pat Russell, Annie DeSimone, Caroline Arnold and Donna Hoch

April 28-29-LWV State Convention Springfield MO--Peg Prendergast, Linda & Jack Smith, Evelyn Maddox & Donna Hoch

### **General Meetings:**

July 16 League Leadership Team reports on Convention and Presents Plans for the year Aug Women's Equality Week Events--League co-sponsored 2 events on 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> *The U.S. Supreme Court - Implications of the November Presidential Election* Professor Allen Rostron, William R.

Jacques Constitutional Law Scholar and Professor of Law University of Missouri Kansas City

Oct 8 State Ballot Issues-Speakers: Steve Potter MCPL Prop. L, Monica Curls & Delores Blaser, Amendment #3, Peg Prendergast & Donna Hoch

Nov. 19 **What Now? The Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal--Judy Ancel, Labor Professor, Nicholas**

**Riegg, Department of State Economics Officer (Ret) Jim Turner, Sierra Club MO**

### **Chapter Chair**

Dec 17 meeting Dave Helling--reschedule because of ice

Jan 21 Program Planning for 2017

Feb. 23 "Bridging the Gap - Celebrating Sisterhood" LWV's 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday and NAACP's 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Organized by LWV, Women in the NAACP, and AKA Sorority, Mu Omega; KC, Mo Alumnae Chapter of DST

Sorority, Inc. Community Christian Church 4601 Main Street KCMO 64112

March 18 Ballot Issues--Sandy Eeds, Cheryl Barnes and Donna Hoch

April 22 "In conversation with Dave Helling - Challenges and Priorities for Journalism in this Era" Opinion Editor & Member

Editorial Board The Kansas City Star

May 20 Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker Denise Lieberman--Voter Protection Coalition

June 3<sup>rd</sup> New Board Orientation 12:30 Puppetry Institute Independence, MO

### **Letters to Editor:**

Nov. 1 Letters To The Editor: Proposition L Landmark -Platte City Newspaper - Liberty Tribune Anitra Steele-LWV

Letter to Editor KC Star-Susan Watson--opposing Amendment 6-- 816-Section

North

Nov. 3 Letter to Editor Amendment 3 Raymore Journal Delores Blaser member

March 28 Guest Column by Pat Goodwin on Vote411.org in KC Star

March 31 Letter to Editor HB634-Charter School Expansion appeared in Call Newspaper Donna Hoch-LWV

April 30<sup>th</sup> Kansas City Star Views From the Community on the Assessing Trump at 100 Days-League members, Anne Embry,

Cheryl Barnes, Pauline Testerman were quoted

### **Demonstrations**

Aug 20-- Demonstration "Against Gun Violence" from 9 to 10 am at the KCI Expo located at the Holiday

Inn, 11730NW Ambassador Drive, KCMO Alice kitchen MJ McCall Linda and Jack Smith Evelyn Maddox

Oct 1 Demonstrate Against Gun Violence and Support for Universal Back Ground Check 9-10am Alice Kitchen and

MJ McCall KCI Expo 11730 NW Ambassador Drive KCMO

Oct. 22 9-10 demonstration Against Gun Violence and support for Universal Background Checks KCL Expo 11730 NW

Ambassador Drive KCMO MJ McCall & Alice Kitchen

### **Tax Status Change**

Nov. 7, 2016 received approval letter from the IRS that our application for 501(c)3 charitable status was approved effective June 3, 2016--dues and donations to the LWV/KC/JCP are tax deductible. Committee of Anitra Steele, Caroline Arnold & Donna Hoch worked on this task.

Feb 2017 received word from the Dept of Revenue that we are sales tax exempt

Thanks go to Pat Russell for recording all the events that have occurred during the League year