



The Voter

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

JUNE 6: BYE BYE BIRDIE!!

Our big fundraiser of the year is Bye Bye Birdie, a great musical comedy presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company, 1800 Nelwood Drive on Wednesday, June 6. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

This Tony Award-winning musical takes place in 1958, when the much-adored rock-and-roll idol – “Conrad Birdie” (a take-off on the very popular Elvis Presley) -- has been drafted into the US army. His songwriter and agent, Albert, and Rosie, his secretary and girlfriend, hatch a plan for a farewell performance to take place on The Ed Sullivan Show, which they hope will help sell Birdie’s new song “One Last Kiss.” Whether you remember Elvis Presley from when you were young – or you know about him from studying history(!), we hope you will plan to attend



the special performance of the show.

The money raised from this event goes into the general fund of LWV and supports our yearly activities. Tickets are \$25 each. You can be an underwriting sponsor for \$100 and you’ll get 5 tickets (that’s one free ticket) and your name in the program. Donations are always welcome.



Before the show you’ll enjoy an array of delicious appetizers provided by some of the best restaurants in town and your

fellow members. There will be free wine and other beverages and a drawing for door prizes.

To reserve your tickets send your check to LWV-CBC, PO Box 239, 65205, or call to make reservations: Pam Springsteel, 445-0642.

— Marilyn McLeod

MAY 17 MENTAL HEALTH FORUM IN RECOGNITION OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



Please join us on Thursday, May 17th at the Public Library to hear an excellent panel of speakers from the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders.

Speakers will include: Dr. Stephen Kanne, PhD, ABPP, Facilitator; Ms. Alicia Curran - Parent of a child with Autism, Project Coordinator; Dr. Jane Randolph, PhD, Director of Training and Education; Dr. Connie Brooks. PHD. Clinical, Director of Health Professions Division; and Ms. Nicole Takahashi, MS, Research Core Administrator.

We are particularly fortunate to have such a specialized and highly respected autism facility here in Columbia. We expect the experts will update us on progress in research, treatment and mental health, family support, education and training programs. Time will also be available for audience questions.

This forum will be held at the Public Library Friends Room on Thursday, May 17th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, with refreshments at 6:30 pm. Co-Sponsors of this forum include the Children's Grove and the Columbia Public Library.

— Lael Von Holt

APRIL ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The LWV Annual Business Meeting was held on April 25 at the Columbia Public Library, after a buffet dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Professor Sandra Davidson spoke on the topic "First Amendment Current Issues" and focused on libel law history.

Diane Suhler asked Carol Schreiber, Marilyn McLeod and Win Colwill to present the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the LWV. The award was given to Joni O'Connor in recognition of her many years of service to our local League. Joni thanked the members and told them stories about Eleanor Goodge.

Dr. Anne Deaton thanked the League for our partnership with The Children's Grove and encouraged us to attend some of their upcoming events. We thank the Children's Grove for their co-sponsorship of the League's Mental Health Forum on May 17.

President Diane Suhler then called the business meeting to order. The members received copies of the Annual Report to Members. The report provided information on all the activities of the League since April 2017.

Diane recognized several of our super volunteers for the hard work they have done in the last year.

"Friends of the LWV" is a recognition we provide to all of the individuals, businesses and organizations who have helped the League accomplish the goal of educating our members and the public. Each year we recognize those who have helped us in the past year. The motion was made to approve the recognition and the motion was approved.

By-Laws Change: Diane Suhler explained that as no members wanted to stand for election as president or co-president, a change in our by-laws was necessary to form an Executive Committee to fulfill the duties of a president. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the by-laws be amended.

The slate of nominations for Officers, Board Members, and the next year's Nominating Committee was provided to the members. No nominations from the floor were made for the open slot for president, the open board position or the open Nominating Committee Chair. The members voted to approve the new slate of officers.

The proposed budget for next year was presented and our Treasurer David Leuthold noted that we had additional revenue that we did not expect last year from David Webber's play. Marilyn pointed out that we had savings from last year as we now send out the Voter by email to most members. Members voted to approve the budget.

Members were reminded that our fundraising play is coming up in June and that packets were available to be picked up. There were sign up sheets for voter registration opportunities and bringing appetizers to the play.

Our new board members were welcomed. Then Diane presented thank you gifts to Carol and Marilyn. And Marilyn presented Diane with a lovely hanging basket for her service as president. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

— Carol Schreiber

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 April 25, 2018. For May 2018 we recognize:

- **Rebecca Martinez** for being our guest on the CAT TV Show on "Immigration Policies and their Impact on Women" on May 10, 2017.
- **Anne Deaton, Yash Khanna, James Melton, and Pete Miller** who were guests on our Lunch and Learn program entitled "The Children's Grove" on May 16, 2017.
- Restaurants providing donations at our fundraiser play at CEC in June 2017: Food donations from **Room 38 Restaurant, House of Chow, Teller's Gallery and Bar, and ABC Chinese Cuisine**; Wine donations from **Les Bourgeois**; Gift cards from **Pasta Factory and Upper Crust**.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!

MAY 9 CAT TV: LEGALIZING MARIJUANA: MEDICAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS



Our guest panelists will be Dan Viets, well known advocate in Missouri for the legalization of marijuana, and Columbia Councilman Michael Trapp, who believes the legalization of medical cannabis would decrease opioid epidemic mortality. Randy Picht, Executive Director of MU's Reynolds Journalism Institute, will be our moderator.

We expect that the discussion will include the impact of legalization in other states as well as current

developments here in Missouri. The LWV Civil Liberties Committee is sponsoring this program

The show airs live at 7:00 p.m. on May 9. The program will be available on our website or at www.columbiaaccess.tv. It replays on CAT TV at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. CAT TV is found on Mediacom Channel 85, Charter Communications 983, and CenturyTel Prism 98.

— Carol Schreiber

MAY 15 LUNCH & LEARN: A THING CALLED RACE



Our May Lunch and Learn will be at noon on Tuesday, May 15, at the HyVee (Conley Rd.) Club Room. This month's topic will be "A Thing Called Race" and our guest speaker will be Rev. C. W. Dawson, a well-known local minister.

Reverend Dawson will provide a presentation that explores four dominant concepts of race that are operative in the US and lead a discussion of the subject. This presentation links with his book [La Conversation Fracturee: Concepts of Race in](#)

[America](#) (Xlibris, 2018). Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Rev. Dawson is the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. in philosophy at MU. He teaches at Columbia College and Moberly Area Community College and writes a weekly column for the *Missourian*.

No lunch is provided; however, attendees can bring their own or purchase it at the store.

— Barbara Hoppe

JUNE 20 WORKSHOP: CONVERSATION WITHOUT SHOUTING

In these divided times, we need to try to listen and understand different points of view. This seems right in line with League philosophy.

We are planning a workshop to provide strategies for productive conversations, conflict resolution, and, generally, how to talk to people whose ideas are different from yours.

It is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library and is sponsored by the LWV Civil Liberties Committee and cosponsored by the Columbia Public Library. Details will be forthcoming.

— Marilyn McLeod

JULY PRIMARY CANDIDATE & BALLOT ISSUE FORUM



On Tuesday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m., the League of Women Voters will hold a Candidate Forum for the three August Primary Election races in Boone County.

Candidates in the Democratic primary for Associate Circuit Judge, Division 9, are Tracy Gonzalez and Stephen Wilson; the winner will be unopposed in November. Candidates in the Democratic primary for Associate Circuit Judge, Division 11, are Kevin O'Brien

and Stephanie Morrell. The winner will face Josh Devine in November.

Candidates in the Democratic primary for Presiding Boone County Commissioner are Dan Atwill and David Seamon. The winner will face Matthew Cavanaugh in November. There may be ballot issues for the August 7th Election and we will have speakers on any issues.

— Carol Schreiber



Photos from the 2018 LWVCBC Annual Meeting held April 25 at the library. Top left, members enjoyed their dinners; top right, Diane Suhler received a gift to thank her for her service as President; lower left, speaker Dr. Sandra Davidson talked about First Amendment issues; lower right, members chat before the meal.

JONI O'CONNOR RECEIVES ELEANOR GOODGE AWARD



Joni O'Connor received the Eleanor Goodge Award at the LWVCBC Annual Meeting on April 25. Pictured to her right are Marilyn McLeod, Win Colwill, and Carol Schreiber.

We are delighted to announce that Joni O'Connor, a very dedicated decades-long LWV member, received the Eleanor Goodge Award for Exemplary Service to the LWV at our April 25 Annual Meeting.

Joni served as President from 1985 to 1989, as well as Secretary and Treasurer for numerous terms. She served on the LWVMO Board as Legislative Action Chair in the 1980's. She has played a leadership role on the annual fundraiser, been active with the Energy Matters Committee, and an unofficial photographer for League events for years.

Always positive and upbeat, warm and welcoming, Joni is to be lauded for the always generous contribution of her time, talent and even her home as a location for many meetings!

We can think of no one who more represents the qualities of Eleanor Goodge and this Award!
 — Marilyn McLeod

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT LAWSUIT

In association with the approximately forty other members of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, the LWVCBC is sending an advocacy letter to Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft and Dept. of Revenue Director Joel Walters. Excerpts are reproduced here:

Dear Secretary Ashcroft and Director Walters,

As grassroots and non-profit voter advocates in Missouri, we work to remove barriers that impede the right to vote and discourage democratic participation. Missouri is in violation of provisions of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), a law designed to aid voter registration. We write today to urge you to bring our state into compliance with this law so Missourians can properly exercise our fundamental right to vote.

As described in the lawsuit filed this week by the League of Women Voters of Missouri and the A. Philip Randolph Institute's St. Louis and Greater Kansas City Chapters yesterday, Missouri routinely fails to provide Department of Revenue (DOR) customers with the opportunity to register to vote required under the NVRA. For one, DOR completely denies voter registration services to clients who change their address for their driver's licenses or state-issued identification card online or by mail. It also fails to provide required voter registration services to Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) customers changing their address in person (by failing to automatically update these customers' voter registration information unless the customer opts out).... Missouri even places illegal obstacles on military members and their families when they apply for or

renew a license or identification card in the mail. These failures to meet federal voter registration obligations have serious consequences for the voters of Missouri.

Voter registration should not act as a burden to qualified Missourians seeking to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Yet time and again, our organizations have seen Missouri voters denied this right due to unnecessary registration barriers. For example, many voters do not realize that they need to update their voter registration information when they move within the state. This is why the NVRA requires that DOR automatically update the voter registration information of any clients who change their address for driver's license or state identification card purposes unless the client affirmatively requests that DOR not do so...

Congress enacted the NVRA in 1993 to encourage more Americans to register to vote by facilitating registration through motor vehicle and other state agencies and by eliminating onerous registration requirements. The current practices administered by DOR and allowed to persist by the Secretary of State are exactly the type of barriers that the NVRA prohibits... Accordingly, we urge you to take swift action and enact the commonsense fixes mandated by the NVRA to remove unnecessary voter registration burdens and ensure the accuracy of the voter rolls in upcoming elections this year. The NVRA requires it, and the citizens of Missouri demand it.

Sincerely,

THE MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

EVALUATING INFORMATION IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS AND ALTERNATIVE FACTS

Jake Parsons, Librarian at Columbia Public Library, did an excellent presentation entitled "Evaluating Information in the Age of Fake News and Alternative Facts." for our April Lunch & Learn Program, which was very well attended. Here are some key take aways on how to spot fake news:

Web addresses to refer to for checking facts:

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>

<https://www.factcheck.org/>

<https://www.snopes.com/>

Consider the source & look closely at the URL web address: abcnews.com is authentic but abcnews.com.co is an imposter.

Check the author-google it. Look up their expertise.

Check the date. Check the source. Is it a joke?

Is it a legitimate reliable newspaper with editors, etc.? (TV is less reliable than reputable newspapers. Even reliable TV sources can pick up on and report fake news.)

Beware of "click bait" with outlandish headlines that want you click on them to make money from ads or spread fake news.

Beware of large media conglomerates like Sinclair Broadcast who have "must runs" for their stations, like KRCG in Jefferson City.

Some of the more trusted sources: Reuters, NPR, BBC, Christian Science Monitor, Associated Press.

— Barbara Hoppe



Upcoming League Events!



MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Voter Registration Paquin Tower 2 p.m.	1	2	3	4	5 LWVMO Spring Conference
6	7	8	9 CAT-TV Legalizing Marijuana 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	15 Lunch & Learn "A Thing Called Race" Conley Road HyVee Noon	16	17 Mental Health Forum Columbia Public Library 7:00 p.m.	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2
3	4 LWV on Paul Pepper KBIA 8:50 a.m.	5	6 Bye Bye Birdie Fundraiser Social Hour 6:30p.m. Play 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 CAT-TV 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Conversation Without Shouting Workshop Columbia Public Library, 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 LWVUS National Convention Chicago	29 LWVUS National Convention Chicago	30 LWVUS National Convention Chicago

LWV Officers:

President: Open
 1st VP: Barbara Hoppe (443-5107)
 2nd VP: Diane Suhler (443-0549)
 Secretary: Carol Schreiber (657-1467)
 Treasurer: Marilyn McLeod (445-3500)

Elected Directors:

Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)
 Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)
 Ruth Milledge (268-9591)
 Gayla Neumeyer (882-8366)
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)
 Mahree Skala (474-2195)
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)
 Shirley Troth (443-7033)

Appointed Directors:

Dick Parker (256-4397)
 Lael Von Holt (443-7747)

Committee Chairs:

Budget: Shirley Troth
 Civil Liberties: Open
 Education: Open
 Energy Matters: Dick Parker
 Fundraising: Pam Springsteel
 Health: Mahree Skala
 Hospitality: Pam Springsteel
 Membership: Meredith Donaldson
 Mental Health: Lael Von Holt
 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

Voter Editor: Ava Fajen

Local Website: lwcabc.org
 State: lwvmisouri.org
 National: lwv.org
 Local Voter Information Portal: lwcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
 Like us on Facebook: "League of Women Voters - Columbia, MO"



Thank you very much for your continued support! Dues received now are for the 2018 year. We are preparing for the upcoming Cat TV programs, Lunch & Learn programs, plus our educational forums on a wide array of important topics. 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.

Send to PO Box 239, Columbia, MO. 65205

Name _____

Email Address _____

Street _____

City _____

State and Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

I am particularly interested in _____.

I would like to receive my Voter by postal mail _____

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

MEMBER UPDATE

The LWV welcomes new members:

Carol and John Beavers
 Kate Canterbury
 Jane Murfett.





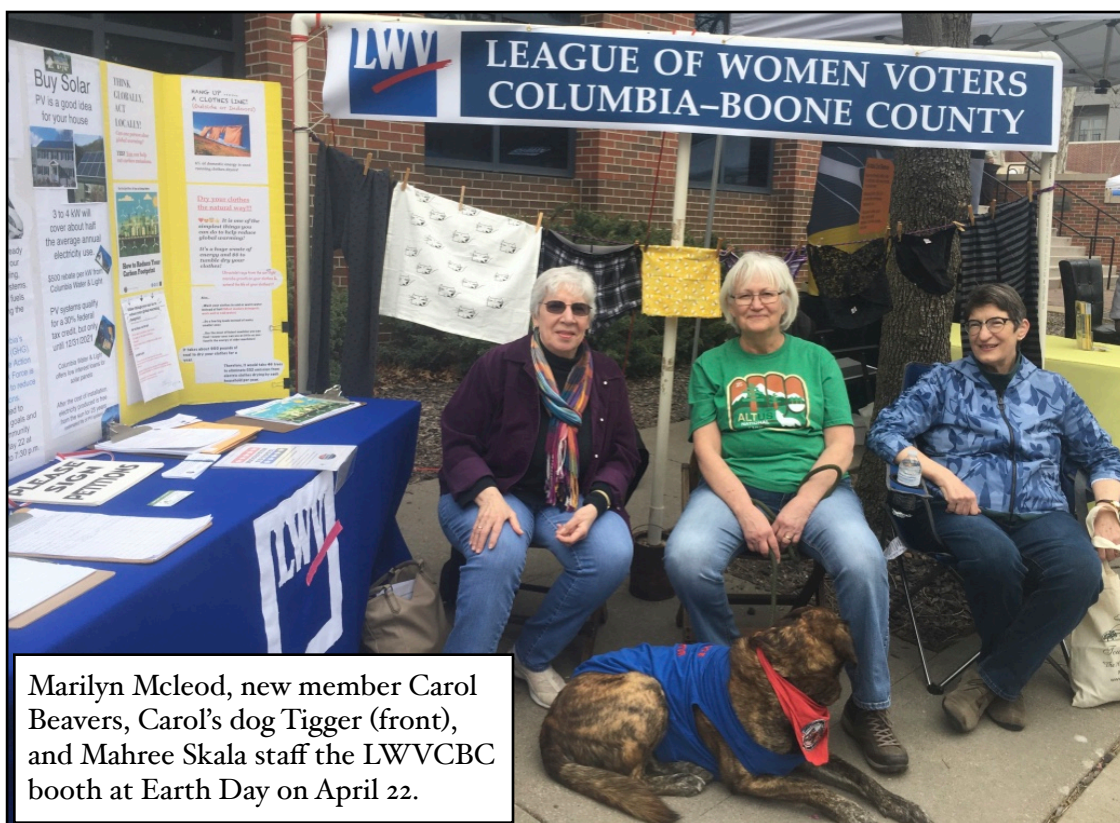
League of Women Voters

PO Box 239

Columbia MO 65205

<http://lwvcbc.org>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Marilyn Mcleod, new member Carol Beavers, Carol's dog Tigger (front), and Mahree Skala staff the LWVCBC booth at Earth Day on April 22.