

July 2016 Newsletter

SUMMER SOUNDING BOARD

Saturday, July 16th, 9:30am
Home of Elizabeth Fahey (directions will be emailed out closer to the date).

Come to the July *Summer Sounding Board* to hear from co-president Kelly Wood about her experience as our league delegate at the LWV National Convention in Washington, D.C.!

Two topics dominated conversation at 52nd annual convention in Washington DC in June. The first topic revolved around responding to questions about the League's position on _____ (*fill in the blank*) during "this odd election cycle." Could you clearly and simply explain what nonpartisan means?

Second, research indicates that making **three** points of contact with newly registered voters increases their likelihood of actually voting. This means there is more for us to do after registering people to vote--follow up with them after. What can our League do to follow up with those voters?

Come to the July SSB to learn about these and other interesting topics from the convention. Here's a clue to the first question... "We NEVER endorse or support political parties or candidates."

Photo: MO League delegation at 52nd National Convention



Left to right: Diane Suhler, Julian Long, Kathleen Farrell, Peggy Placier, Elaine Blodgett, Linda McDaniel, Peg Predergast (lower) Kelly Wood (lower), Mary Merritt, Kathleen Boswell, Becky Clausen, Lexi White, Nancy Miller.

KNOW A BUSINESS?

Do you know of a business who might buy an ad in our Voters' Guide? How about someone you've done business with for years or a business who is very community-minded? We have a [packet of information](#) that you can give to any business you think might be interested in purchasing an ad for the Voters' Guide. It's easy...and the more ads we sell means the more guides we can print and distribute around the community.

GET OUT THE VOTE TEAMS

We have five teams gearing up to work on plans for the fall election season: Voter Registration, Voters' Guide, Forums, Publicity and Media Relations, and Get Out the Vote/Community Events. If you haven't already signed up for one, please let us know which team you'd like to work on. [Check out this list](#) for more details on each team.

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

The Greene County Clerk's office is in need of election poll workers. Election judges work in bi-partisan teams (both Republicans and Democrats) and are charged with the conduct of fair elections by working at the polls on election day. You will be paid \$20 for the training and \$105 for the day. You can even choose to donate that money to the League if you wish!

For more information about becoming an election judge, go to: www.greencountymo.org/county_clerk/election/judges

To print off the election judge application, go to: www.greencountymo.org/file/PDF/document.pdf?id=998

DID U KNOW?

Social Media is a great way to communicate with our members and the public at large. If you have ideas for our Facebook page or Twitter account, please email aimeen6@gmail.com.

Some content ideas to share include:

- Photos, images, native videos
- Breaking news and "wins"
- Personal stories
- History or anniversaries
- Actions

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/LWVSWMO

Twitter: [@lwvswmo](https://twitter.com/lwvswmo)

MEMBER NEWS

By League Member Margie Bramer

My husband and I are visiting family in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. With the Supreme Court session ending on Monday, we headed there, hoping to learn the decision on the restrictive Texas law regarding women's health care choices.



As we approached the Supreme Court building, we could see many protesters outside. Then we heard the voice of a woman speaking to the crowd, and the protests turned to cheers. The decision had just been announced, with Justices Kennedy, Ginsburg, Sotomayor, Breyer, and Kagan voting to strike down the law.

We joined the throng, and I had a chance to visit with some of the participants. The lead plaintiff in the case, Amy Hagstrom Miller of Whole Woman's Health, led the crowd to celebrate the decision. It was quite an experience to be part of this historic day.



City of Springfield Fair Housing Seminar
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 from 9:00am-1:00pm
Southwest Center for Independent Living
2864 S. Nettleton Ave, Springfield, MO

Upcoming Dates

National Disability Voter Registration Week

July 11-15

Summer Sounding Boards

July 16th, 9:30am

TBA: Location and speakers

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August 20th, 9:30am

TBA: Location and speakers

Celebrate the Vote

100th Anniversary of the Walkless-Talkless Parade

Saturday, September 3, 2016

Naturalization Ceremony

Saturday, September 17, 2016

MSU Plaster Student Union

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Secretary of State Candidate Forum

Monday, October 3, 2016; 3:00pm

University Plaza

Seminar topics include:

- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Fair Housing Law and the Administrative Complaint Process
- Universal Design.

[Click here to see the agenda.](#)

This training conference will provide advocates, service providers, city administrators, planners, developers, stakeholders and housing professionals with valuable information on fair housing law and universal design. This event is FREE and open to the public. [Register online today!](#)



NATIONAL DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK



National Disability Voter Registration Week is July 11-15! Check out <http://www.aapd.com/our-focus/voting/> for more information!

In 2012, 56.8% of people with disabilities voted compared to 62.5% of people without disabilities, if people with disabilities voted at the same rate as people without disabilities there would be more than 3 million people with disabilities voting. Many times people with disabilities encounter barriers in the community and voting might be difficult.

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was passed by Congress in 2002 to make the voting process more inclusive and accessible so that more Americans will become registered voters and participate in elections.

You have the right to:

- Vote by yourself and make your own choices.
- Get help from a person of your choice or an election worker.
- Use a physically accessible polling place and an accessible voting machine.
- Vote if you have a guardian, unless a court determines you cannot.

If you need additional information on the rights of voters with disabilities feel free to contact SCIL (Southwest Center for Independent Living) and ask for an advocate. We encourage voters with disability to exercise their rights and VOTE!

Did you know as a person with a disability you can sign up to receive notifications before each election prompting them to request an absentee ballot? Some voters may not be able to make the polls each time so this allows you to choose each election cycle.

There are rules that apply, for more information go to www.greencountymo.org/county_clerk/election/absentee.php#disabled.

If you are a Missouri registered voter and are permanently disabled, and would like to receive a Notice of Election and Application for Absentee Ballot before each forthcoming election, your options are as follows:

1. Personally send a written request to the County Clerk specifically requesting to be placed on the Permanently Disabled Absentee List for all future elections, including the following information:
 - a. Full name
 - b. Voter registration number (if known)
 - c. Specific (legal) reason as to why you are requesting absentee ballots
 - d. Residential address
 - e. Mailing address (where to send ballot, if different than residence)
 - f. Telephone number and/or e-mail address
 - g. Signature
2. Complete the Application to Participate in the Absentee Voting Process affidavit form and submit it to the County Clerk.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate the Vote – September 3, 2016. Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the *Walkless-Talkless Parade*, which took place during the 1916 Democratic National Convention in St. Louis. This was a staged event where thousands of women in white dresses with yellow sashes and umbrellas stood on both sides of the street and formed a “golden lane” that Democratic delegates had to walk through to get to the Convention on its opening day. It was an attempt to draw attention to the suffrage campaign for voting rights for women.

Candidate Forum – October 2016. The Missouri Library Association will be hosting its annual state conference in Springfield in October 2016. They would like to hold a candidate forum for those running for Missouri Secretary of State in the November 2016 election. The Secretary of State’s position is responsible for allocating monies for public libraries.

