



The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri

December 2016 Newsletter

2017 CALL TO ACTION

Based on new member enthusiasm and for many, reactions to the election, the League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri are ready to take action to improve our democracy, communities, and opportunities for citizens. At our November unit meetings, members identified topics to explore and wanted to get the ball rolling right away in 2017. So, our board created work groups or teams to take action in a specific area in the coming year. The work groups will be organized around themes such as Money in Politics, Trash and Recycling Options in Springfield, Improving Landlord/Tenant agreements, and Amendment 6 Actions (helping citizens get necessary documents for state IDs).

In January, we will host a general meeting, our Take Action Rally, where members will select one of these themes and meet in groups to develop calls to action. We are planning this as a general meeting for late January *in place of January unit meetings*. Currently we have identified Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m.-noon at the O'Reilly Cancer Center, 2055 South Fremont.

LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us on Monday, December 5th from 5:30-8:00pm at the home of Maggie Castrey for the League's annual Holiday Party! An invitation with details was sent out last week.

Upcoming Dates

Annual League Holiday Party

Monday, December 5, 2016; 5:30-8:30pm
Home of Maggie Castrey

General Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2017; 9am-noon
O'Reilly Cancer Center, 2055 South Fremont

Unit Meetings

Monday, February 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Nonna's Italian Cafe, 3512 S. National
Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 12:00 noon
Drury Campus, Findlay Student Center, Room 204

2017 Spring Conference

Saturday, April 29, 2017
Location TBA

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SPRING CONVENTION

The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri will serve as hosts for the League of Women Voters of Missouri Spring Convention in Springfield. The Convention will be held on April 28 and 29, 2017.

The rough schedule, at this time, is for a possible late afternoon meeting on Friday followed by a social event/reception (similar to the event held at the Tower Club the last time we hosted the convention) with a full day of meetings on Saturday, April 29. We are still working on location and speakers.

The current committee consists of Lorraine Sandstrom, Belinda Pearson, Kate Evert, Kelly Wood and Leslie Carrier. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Lorraine at lsandstrom@gmail.com. We will also need lots of extra hands during the Convention so save the date.

UNIT MEETINGS

There will be no unit meetings in December or January but please join us Monday, December 5th for the League Holiday Party and on January 28th for a general meeting.

The February unit meetings will be Monday, February 20th at 5:30pm at Nonna's Italian Cafe, 3512 S. National and Tuesday, February 21st at noon at Drury University Findlay Student Center. We will be hearing from Erick Roberts on making our city's solid waste hauling more efficient.

**Directions for Tuesday Unit Meeting: From Central and Summit, go north on Summit and park in the first lot on your right or left. The Student Center is the red brick building in the northwest corner of the parking lot on your left. Go up the stairs by the pergola and Room 204 is immediately inside.*

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the League members and volunteers who helped with the many "Get Out the Vote" activities during this election season. Also, a BIG thanks to all the Board members, especially Leslie and Kelly, for their incredibly hard work and leadership!