



The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri

December 2015 Newsletter

COME TO THE MOVIES!

The League has arranged a private screening of the movie *Suffragette* on Saturday, December 5th at noon at the Moxie Cinema located at 305 S. Campbell Ave, #101 in Springfield. The movie covers the British suffragette movement. League members Nora Cox and Lisa Hall will lead a post-movie discussion about the difference between the U.S. and British efforts to get women the right to vote.

This is a "Bring a Friend" event to introduce friends, coworkers, and neighbors to the league. If you have not sent in your RSVP yet, please email lcsandstrom@gmail.com to see if there is space available.

OTHER MOVIE NEWS



Our League also has a DVD copy of *Iron Jawed Angels* if you'd like to "borrow" it from the league library. The movie "tells the true story of how defiant and brilliant young activists took the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote." If interested, contact Leslie at rcarrier@sbcglobal.net.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, December 7th from 5:30-8:00pm.

Mark your calendars to attend our annual Holiday Party on Monday, December 7th at the home of Maggie Castry. Bring a snack to share!

Please RSVP to: lwvsouthwestmo@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 16, 2016

9:30am-Noon

Location: Mercy Hospital

Please put Saturday, January 16th on your calendar to attend the *Money in Politics* study/consensus meeting. This will be held at Mercy Hospital. More details to come.

UPCOMING UNIT MEETINGS

December Unit Meetings

There will be no unit meetings in December. Enjoy the holidays!

January Unit Meetings

The January unit meetings will be **Monday, Jan 18th** at 5:30pm at Nonna's South, 3512 S. National and **Tuesday, Jan 19th** at noon at Drury University Findlay Student Center.

The January unit meetings are when we do program planning for the upcoming year ("Program" is defined by the League as *those issues impacted by government chosen by members for concerted study and action*). This is when we proposed an idea for a local or state study for next fall. If you have any ideas or see a need in our community for a topic for further study, please come to the meeting prepared to describe and support your topic idea. The final program will be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting in May.

*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.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT GRANT

The League, along with the Greene County Clerk's Office and the MSU Center for Community Engagement, submitted a Collective Impact grant to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for \$30,000. For our part, we asked for \$5000 to double the number of printed Voters' Guides from 10,000 to 20,000 copies for the November 2016 election. The grant recipients will be notified in early January. Keep your fingers crossed!

Click here for more information about the Metropolitan Springfield Collective Impact grant: <http://bit.ly/1IaPkaQ>



NEW MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK UPDATE

The next OzMHNetwork meeting is December 17, 2015 from 3:30-5:30pm at Lutheran Family & Children Services, 2130 N. Glenstone in Springfield. All are welcome to attend. To request meeting minutes and updates on OzMHNetwork, email OzMHNetwork@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for 2-3 people to help on the website, keep the calendar current, post pictures, and add articles of interest. The duties will be split between a small committee, so no one person will have to manage all of it. If you are interested, please contact Leslie at rlcarrier@sbcglobal.net.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT STUDY UPDATE

The consensus questions for the Constitutional Amendment study were approved and our results have been submitted to the national office. Just think of all we learned about the Constitution in the past three months!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

The Legislative Action Day will be held in Jefferson City on Tuesday, January 12th from 9:30am-Noon. This is an opportunity for all Leagues across the state to meet at the Capital and talk with our local representatives about issues important to the League. The state League will prepare a pushcard listing the League's legislative priorities.

We plan to take a car load to this event, leaving early that morning and returning that afternoon. If you would like to attend, please contact Leslie at rlcarrier@sbcglobal.net.

DID YOU KNOW?



On January 9, we honor the birthday of Carrie Chapman Catt. In celebration of Catt's birthday, click [here](#) to view 10 inspiring facts about her life and legacy.

Upcoming Dates

Private Screening of *Suffragette*

Saturday, December 5, 2015
Noon
Moxie Cinema
305 S Campbell Ave, #101, Springfield

Holiday Party

Monday, December 7, 2015
Time 5:30-8:00pm
Maggie Castrey's home

OzMHNetwork Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015
3:30-5:30pm
Lutheran Family & Children Services
2130 N. Glenstone, Springfield

Legislative Action Day

Tuesday, January 12, 2016
Jefferson City, MO

General Meeting

Topic: Money in Politics
Saturday, January 16, 2016
9:30-Noon
Location Mercy Hospital
*weather backup date will be January 30th

January Unit Meetings

Monday, Jan 18, 2016, 5:30pm
Nonna's South, 3512 S. National

Tuesday, Jan 19, 2016, Noon
Drury University Findlay Student Center

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

This story was told at the recent LWV Fall Conference held in Sedalia:

The St. Louis-Metro LWV co-president, Kathleen Farrell, was on vacation in Ohio and found herself in a hot tub visiting with another women. Well, it turns out the other woman was a league member from the LWV Miami-Ohio and her league had recently held a “*Candidating*” forum, based on what our league originated in March for the City Council and Mayor candidates.

They had read about this forum format, which our league first pioneered, in a national LWV newsletter! Kathleen told her she was proud to be from the same state which started the “*Candidating*” concept! It just goes to show what you can learn if you engage someone in conversation, even in a hot tub! For the record, our member Belinda Davis deserves the credit for coining the term “*Candidating*”!

MEET THE LEAGUE

Lorraine Sandstrom

Lorraine retired almost 2 years ago from the Springfield-Greene County Library District, where she served as Branch Manager for the Library Center for the last 14 years. Her library career began during the 1970s in her hometown of Manhattan, KS, but lucky for us she came to her senses and brought her talents to our side of the state line. After a successful career, she is proud to have worked in a profession that provides such an important public service.



Lorraine lives south of Seymour, Missouri and her hobbies include reading, gardening, canoeing, and quilting. Recently, she began volunteering at the local public television and radio stations, the Library and the Child Advocacy Center.

During her years at the Library, Lorraine became acquainted with the League. She was impressed with the nonpartisan and intelligent methods used to present important issues to the public and just couldn't resist joining in on the fun. She is now an active new member. Welcome to the League, Lorraine!

Angie Filbeck



Angie has lived in the Springfield area since 2003, but grew up near Kansas City. Her adventures in life have included 2 Master's degrees, working for public, private and government entities, and running for office (twice!). She now serves as Planner for Ozarks Headwaters Recycling District, and is proud to hand out grant money to keep various “stuff” out of landfills.

Angie's favorite activities include yoga, reading, hiking, walking her dogs, gardening, and binge-watching British TV shows (which are even better with a glass of port).

During her 2012 campaign, Angie participated in a League event focused on women in leadership. Naturally, she fell under Ilga Vise's spell and became a member shortly thereafter. And not only was Angie recruited by Ilga, she has even gotten to be Ilga's interviewee on “Making Democracy Work” three times!

COMING IN 2016!

Cuba and Cocktails event in early 2016. Ann Elwell and Kay Murnan will give a presentation about their trip with the League of Women Voters of Florida to Cuba. More details to come!

Celebrate the Vote – September 3, 2016 will be the 100th anniversary of the right to vote. Look for details about events celebrating this important event next fall.

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. They requested our help and said “Well, we need to call the League of Women Voters to help host this forum.” Good to know our league is top of mind when it comes to hosting candidate forums!

