



The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri

January 2016 Newsletter

UPCOMING UNIT MEETINGS

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.

MONEY AND POLITICS STUDY SESSION

Saturday, January 16, 2016
9:30am-Noon
Location: Mercy Hospital

Are you ready for some *Money and Politics*? What better way to start off the New Year than with a juicy and complicated topic like that? Please attend our study session on the *Money and Politics* study update on Saturday, January 16th from 9:30am-Noon. This will be a one-stop session to watch a PowerPoint on the topic, discuss the pros and cons, and take consensus on the questions. It's a lot to tackle in one morning, but never fear, we'll have some stout coffee and yummy refreshments available to keep us fortified for this in-depth discussion. This is a topic which affects all of us, especially as we head into the 2016 election year.

We will start promptly at 9:30am, so come a bit early to settle in and get a bite to eat. This will be held at Mercy Hospital (directions will come in a separate email closer to the date). In case of bad weather, this meeting will be moved to Saturday, January 30th.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT GRANT

Well...we wished we had better news to report on our grant application to the Community Foundation to double the number of Voters' Guides printed for the 2016 election.

This was the message we received from the Community Foundation: *"Unfortunately, due to funding constraints within the round and the large number of applications submitted, your application was not selected as a recipient. We are thankful for your commitment to our community and encourage you to continue your efforts in grant writing to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks in future rounds."*

SUFFRAGETTE MOVIE A HIT!

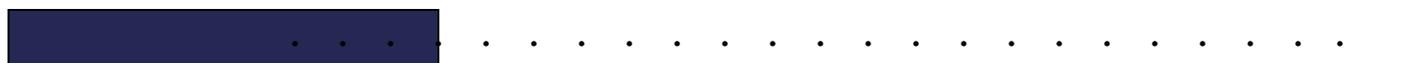


On December 5th, we had 93 League members and guests attended a special screening of the movie *Suffragette* at the Moxie! Special thanks to Nora Cox and Lisa Hall who led the post-movie discussions about the differences in the suffrage movement between the U.S. and England. It was a very sobering movie and

served as a great reminder of why we do what we do. A bonus is that a few attendees expressed interest in joining the League and one even joined that day!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there is a difference between the terms "suffragist" and "suffragette?" In the United States, supporters of woman suffrage preferred and used the term suffragist. In Britain, militant supporters of woman suffrage called themselves suffragettes. When the American press, or



those who opposed woman suffrage, called an American woman a suffragette, it was intended to be derogatory.

HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE

Thanks to Maggie Castrey for once again hosting a fabulous Holiday Party! There were 32 in attendance and everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up with one another. A highlight of the evening was a special performance by Francie Wolff, who told some great historical stories and sang a few songs from the suffrage era. Francie was a former member of the League and joined up once again after reconnecting with old League friends at the party. Welcome back Francie!

LEAGUE MEMBER RECOGNITION



League Member, Roxanne Taylor (pictured on the left), was the recipient of one of the 2015 NOVA (Neighborhood Organization Volunteer Awards) given out in early December! These awards recognize those individuals or organizations who went above and beyond in the last year to improve our community. Congratulations Roxanne for all your work to make Springfield a better place to live!

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.

We have to submit a list of who will be attending from our League by Friday, January 8th, so if you are interested, please contact Leslie ASAP at rlcarrier@sbcglobal.net. We plan to take a car load to this event, leaving early that morning and returning that afternoon.

Upcoming Dates

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

February Unit Meetings

Monday, Feb 15, 2016, 5:30pm
Nonna's South, 3512 S. National

Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016, Noon
Drury University Findlay Student Center

IN MEMORIAM

Long time League member and community activist Ann Wilbur died on Christmas Eve at the age of 82. Many of you knew Ann through the League and her involvement in many of Springfield's organizations. She served on the city council, the planning and zoning board, was an active member of the League of Women Voters, served on the SMMA board, taught ESL for immigrants, and was a volunteer for Crosslines.

A memorial service was held on December 30. She was a treasure and left us with many great memories. Condolences can be sent to her husband Jim and family (her address is in the directory).



MEET THE LEAGUE

By Angie Filbeck

Lisa Cox Hall



Lisa is a professor at Missouri State University, who received her BA from Drury University and her MA and PhD from the University of Kansas. We are, of course, thankful she came back to Missouri. In 1993, Lisa married Jason Hall. They welcomed their son, Nathan in 1997 and their daughter, Olivia, in 2001. To round out their family, they are committed to always having a very spoiled dog (as all dogs should be).

Her current favorite pastime is attending her kids' cross country events. When she isn't cheering them on, she likes to hike, snowshoe, attend live performances, and paint walls. (Is she available to hire?)

Lisa has been a Southwest Missouri League member since November of 2012. She was drawn in after attending a League event in October 2012 that featured Jessica Grounds of Running Start, a Washington DC-based organization that encourages young women to run for office. Since her first meeting was "amazing" she couldn't help but join the League. Lisa is moved by the "legacy of good women working for the good of all" and says "the League is a beautiful organization full of women I admire." Well said! We can all agree to that!

Margaret (Maggie) Castrey

Maggie has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, along with lots of on-the-job training in various communications disciplines. In this manner, she has picked up a lot of life lessons along the way. Maggie currently works in a "very part-time" fashion as a writer, editor, and Team Leader for Psychologist and women empowerment activist, Dr. Nancy O'Reilly.



To occupy her free time, she loves painting, networking, yoga, Pilates, walking, cooking, and reading. Hanging out

with friends is pretty important, too. She has been married since 1987 to musician Ray Castrey and has 2 daughters. Just 4 blocks away, she can find one daughter, her wonderful son-in-law, and 2 adorable grandchildren. According to Maggie, they "are growing up so fast it takes my breath away." In fact, they enjoy the grandkids so much that they may start foregoing their annual 3-month trip to warmer locales each winter.

As is often the case in the League, Maggie was recruited by Ilga Vis, who she met through The Alliance, an umbrella organization of women's clubs. Maggie readily admits that she joined the League to "hang around with smart, strong, informed women." (Don't we all?) She learns a lot at each meeting and enjoys sharing it with others because it makes her sound smart. The Mental Health network has been one of Maggie's projects with the League and she looks forward to its success. Then it's time to pass it to the community and take on a new project!

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. The celebration planned for next September is not for the 100th anniversary of the right to vote (that will be in 2020, as we all know). Rather, this is the 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.

