



The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri

# November 2015 Newsletter

## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars to attend our fall General Meeting as



we continue to work on the Constitutional Amendment Study and consensus questions. The meeting will be on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm in the CH Chub O'Reilly Cancer Center Auditorium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. **Address: 2055 S. Fremont Ave, Springfield 65804**

Dr. Kevin Pybas, Associate Professor of Political Science, from Missouri State University will facilitate a discussion about the constitutional amendment study. Dr. Pybas' research and teaching interest focus squarely on constitutional law and he is the faculty advisor for the Pre Law Society.

At our general meeting, Dr. Pybas will share his insights into the pros and cons for each of our consensus questions and then engage us in a question and answer session after. RSVP to: [lwvsouthwestmo@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsouthwestmo@gmail.com)

## LEAGUE FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00am-3:00pm

Sedalia at State Fair Community College

The League's annual Fall Conference will be held in Sedalia on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Registration, which includes lunch, after November 1<sup>st</sup> is \$30. The conference will feature innovative programs or events hosted by the different League's across the state. Our league has been asked to present on the *Cand-dating* forum we hosted in March for the City Council candidates.

Some of the other sessions will include:

- Information on the National Study of Money in Politics;
- The Dreams of a County Election Clerk, featuring Nick LaStrada, Pettis County Clerk
- Using Local Issues to Grow Your League

## UPCOMING UNIT MEETINGS

### November Unit Meetings

The November unit meetings will be **Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm at Nonna's South, 3512 S. National and **Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** at noon at Drury University Findlay Student Center.

We will take consensus at the November unit meetings on both the national study and position update topics. The consensus questions on the *Amending the Constitution* national study is due to the National League office by December 1, 2015. The consensus questions for the *Money in Politics* position update are due to the National League office by February 1, 2016.

\*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.

## REMINDER TO TURN IN YOUR ANNUAL LWV DUES

Annual LWV dues are paid each fall and help support not only our local League, but also the League of Women Voters of Missouri and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Please print off the form, complete it, and return it with your dues payment. You may give an additional gift (optional) to support the efforts of the League or to grant a scholarship to allow a prospective member to join.

Dues are: Individual \$60, Family (2 or more per house) \$90, and Student \$30.

Click here to get a copy of the form: [Annual Membership Form](#)

Please mail your dues and membership application to: League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri  
P.O. Box 3036  
Springfield, MO 65808-3036



# NEW MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK OFF TO ROARING START

By Maggie Castry, Co-Chair of OzMHNetwork

All participants at the first meeting of the League-sponsored Ozarks Mental Health Network (OzMHNetwork) deemed it a resounding success. Thirty-four people attended representing the major provider organization in Springfield and Lebanon; seven members representing the League. A primary purpose is building relationships and self-introductions included mention of an interest or concern.

We heard a lengthy report from Chuck Hollister, a member of the legislative Task Force on the expansion of Medicaid Managed Care (privatization of Medicaid). He emphasized the need to guide the legislature to either “care out” mental health services so they would not be covered under managed care, or to require strict oversight and accountability of managed care administrators to ensure client needs are met.

Volunteers agreed to serve as Network point persons in five areas of concern identified in the League’s two-year study: affordable housing, affordable medications, community education, formal referral system, and reducing documentation.

The next OzMHNetwork meeting is November 19, 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](mailto:OzMHNetwork@gmail.com).

See the news release on Ky3: [2-Year Greene County study makes case for more funding for mental healthcare services](#)

## VOTERS’ GUIDE GRANT

The League will partner with the Greene County Clerk’s office to apply for a grant through the Community Foundation to fund the Voters’ Guide for next year. The grant application is due in late November and the grant recipients will be notified in mid-January.

Keep your fingers crossed that we get funding to increase the number of guides printed and distributed around the community.

## Upcoming Dates

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5:30pm-7:00pm  
CH Chub O’Reilly Cancer Center Auditorium

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9:00am-3:00pm  
Sedalia – State Fair Comm. College

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Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015, Noon  
Drury University Findlay Student Center

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Lutheran Family & Children Services  
2130 N. Glenstone, Springfield

### Private Screening of *Suffragette*

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

### Holiday Party

Monday, December 7, 2015  
Time TBA  
Maggie Castrey’s home

### Legislative Action Day

Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
Jefferson City, MO

### General Meeting

Topic: Money in Politics  
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 9:30-11:30am  
\*weather backup date will be January 30<sup>th</sup>  
Location TBD

### 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

## COME TO THE MOVIES!

The League has arranged a private screening of the movie *Suffragette* on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Moxie Cinema located at 305 S. Campbell Ave, #101 in Springfield.



The movie covers the British suffragette movement. League member Nora Cox 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. We want to fill the theatre of 84 seats, so grab a friend, or 2-3, and come see a great movie! Tickets will be

available to purchase at the November Unit meetings for \$5 each or day of the movie at the Moxie.

Watch a trailer of the movie:

<https://youtu.be/Y4jBXQM7mlk>

## MO VOTER NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving the bi-monthly *MO Voter* newsletter from the LWVMO? If not, please email Ilga at [ivise@drury.edu](mailto:ivise@drury.edu) to get that information corrected at the state level.

Did you know the League is on Facebook and Twitter? Click the icon below to be directed to the Facebook page or Twitter account for our local League and the National League.

Get information about League activities, blog posts, press statements, see photos/videos, action items and new resources from the League!



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## SUFFRAGIST MEMORIAL

### DONATION FROM OUR LEAGUE AND THE LWVMO.

The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) has agreed to become a partner with the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association (TPMA) in creating a memorial that celebrates the fight for women’s suffrage and its relevance today. This decision is particularly timely in light of the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 2020.

The LWVUS is encouraging all state leagues to make a \$1000 contribution towards this memorial, which will include their name on the donor wall. Our league made a contribution to the LWVMO so that Missouri is represented at this memorial. For more information about the memorial visit <http://suffragistmemorial.org/>

## DID YOU KNOW?

During the post-World War II period, the League helped lead the effort to establish the United Nations and to ensure U.S. participation. The League was one of the first organizations in the country officially recognized by the United Nations as a non-governmental organization (NGO); it still maintains official observer status today and has special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The League also supported the creation of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as NATO, economic aid to less developed countries and the Marshall Plan. Click here to watch a short video about the League’s involvement with the United Nations! <http://bit.ly/1M9hTID>

## 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the right to vote. Look for details about events celebrating this important event next fall.

