

# The Voter

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting (and dinner) was held Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Drury University Hoblit Suite.

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors!

Co-Presidents: Lorraine Sandstrom / Kelly Wood

Vice President: Debbie Good

Treasurer: Cathy Hukill

Secretary: Angie Snyder

Directors: Kay Chaudhri, Lisa Slattery, Nora Cox, Kate Evert, Joan Gentry, Lee Ann Worman,



Front row, from left: Debbie Good, Angie Snyder, Kay Chaudhri, Lee Ann Worman, Lisa Slattery  
Second row, from left: Kate Evert, Cathy Hukill, Kelly Wood, Lorraine Sandstrom, (peeking between Lee Ann and Lisa Slattery:) Joan Gentry, Nora Cox

## A LOOK BACK 2016-2017

A list of accomplishments was shared at the annual meeting. We were a busy group this year! A few of the highlights:

- Voter's Guide design updated
- Hosted 3 Summer Sounding Boards, average 20 in attendance
- Six new members became Greene County Deputy Registrars in August, allowing them to register voters.
- Hosted voter registration for new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in August.
- 4 members attended the *Celebrate the Vote* event in St Louis on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Hosted voter registration table at *Rock the Vote* event at the Library Center on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Sponsored 3 voter registration events on September 27<sup>th</sup> – National Voter Registration Day
- Vote411.org was made available as online candidate resource
- October – held multiple voter registration events.
- Voter Photo ID forum on October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Holiday Party
- Monthly unit meetings
- Hosted forum for April Election
- Spring Conference in Springfield
- Hosted 52 weekly radio programs on the KSMU *Making Democracy Work* series, which is in its 35<sup>th</sup> year!
- Hundreds of social media posts on Twitter and Facebook

## SUMMER SOUNDING BOARDS

During the summer months, we don't have our usual unit meetings; instead, we have a monthly Summer Sounding Board, held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning of the month at 9:30am. It's a casual coffee and brunch with a speaker and discussion. Our first one will be Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library community room (south entrance of Library). Our meeting begins at 9:30am for social time with our members. Dr. Jonathan Groves will talk about "fake news" and how to spot it from 10:15-11:00am, plus time for Q&A. We usually try to wrap up around 11:15 or so.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Environmental Sustainability

LWV had our first street clean-up Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Lois Zerrer, Julie Schulze, Pam Shaver, Karin Gardner-Brown, Lisa Hall and her daughter, Olivia Hall, and Lisa Slattery for participating and being so generous of your time!



Watch for the next clean up date in the newsletter, it will be in 3 or 4 months. If you can participate, we'd love to have you!



You may do this already, but take a plastic bag with you on walks or in your car so you can pick up some of the trash you see! Even one person can make a difference and you encourage others to do the same when you model picking up trash!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Leslie Carrier

Many of you know Ruth Barnes Newton, while many of you have not had the great pleasure of meeting her. She is 97-years old and is our league's oldest and longest member. Our League began in 1952 and Ruth was the 4th president from 1956-58. Unfortunately, she has had some serious health issues pop up and she is being cared for at home by her daughter and grandchildren.

I spoke with her today and while she is weak and tires easily, she had her usual quick laugh and positive outlook. She knows her time is limited and said she has had a good life with many blessings. She wanted to share the message below with all her league friends. If you would like to send a note to Ruth, her home address is 1301 East River Road, Springfield, MO 65804.

We should all be so lucky to have Ruth's spirit, optimism, spunk and length of life. Our League owes much to women like Ruth who marched ahead of us and gave strength to what

the League is all about. We love you Ruth and are sending love, hugs and prayers your way!

*Dear Friends,*

*As a League member, I would love to sit down with each of you individually and have a good visit; you have all been such a joy in my life. I value your friendship so much. As you may know, I have a leaky valve in my heart of which I was not aware. My mind is strong, my body is not. I do not have the strength to see you all, but want to say goodbye. Please know that I love you all very much and the organization of which we are all so proud. Fondly, Ruth Barnes, 5/26/17*



## WHAT WOULD ALICE PAUL DO?

Amy Hjerstedt and Melissa Currence are volunteers with the League of Women Voters. They share stories, tips and how-tos to make sure you have the tools and confidence to actively engage your community. Check out their podcast: <https://www.alicepaulpodcast.com/>

### League Upcoming Dates

#### Summer Sounding Boards

Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:30am-11:15am

Schweitzer Brentwood Library

July 15, August 19; 9:30am

Locations TBA

