

# The Voter

## OCTOBER UNIT MEETINGS

The October unit meetings will be Monday, October 16th at 5:30pm at Prima's Mexican Restaurant, 3662 S. Glenstone and Tuesday, October 17th at Drury University Findlay Student Center, Room 204.

Our October unit meeting programs will be presented by Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk. Shane will be speaking about the changes in voting due to the new voter ID law, the lack of funding for the implementation of this law, and other issues regarding the future of voting.

*\*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.*



At the Christian County Library

## NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY 2017

The League participated in several events for National Voter Registration Day on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The day before, a press conference was held with the League, Shane Schoeller and Jay Ashcroft.

The League also held onsite voter registration events at OTC, Parkview High School and Christian County Library. We had a total of 21 people register between the 3 locations. Thanks to Marge Bramer, Pam Shaver, and Susan Rubino for being at the Christian County Library. Dot Powell, Joyce Pyle, Joan Gentry, Lorraine Sandstrom at OTC. And Ilga Vise and Roxanne Taylor at Parkview. Thanks to our volunteers for helping people register new, change address, and get information about the photo id requirement.



Pictured Lorraine Sandstrom and Joyce Pyle at OTC

## LWVMO FALL CONFERENCE

The League of Women Voters of Missouri Fall workshop will be held Saturday, October 28, from 9-3 in Sedalia, at State Fair Community College.

Our local league will cover the cost of the registration (\$20) for those wishing to attend, and lunch is included in the registration. You may drive up on your own or join a carpool with others. More details about transportation will be available at the October unit meetings.

There will be opportunities to visit with others from around the state and to hear some great speakers. Hope you can join us!

If you are interested in attending, please email Kelly Wood ([kellywood@missouristate.edu](mailto:kellywood@missouristate.edu)). We will be submitting names and payment as a group.

## NOVEMBER 7, 2017 ELECTION

Check out the ballot issues for the November 7, 2017 Special Election on the Greene County website now!

<https://greencountymo.gov/files/PDF/file.pdf?id=31280>

# RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

It's that time of the year again! Renew your League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri membership. Please complete the membership form ([click here to download a copy](#)) and submit with your dues by October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Snyder at 417-619-3403 or [angie.p.snyder@outlook.com](mailto:angie.p.snyder@outlook.com).



## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Sustainability and the Environment Update

The Sustainability Committee held a street cleanup on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Three members, Pam Shaver, Mary Kay Hoops and Debbie Good participated. We were also joined by a potential new member, Marjorie West, who saw the cleanup notice on Facebook!

### Voter Outreach Action Team Update

The Voter Outreach committee will next meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:45pm at the 417 Magazine offices, 2111 S. Eastgate Ave, Springfield.

### Voter Advocacy and Protection Action Team Update

By Joan Gentry

To better reflect our role as an advocate of voting rights, we voted to change our action group's name to Voter Advocacy and Protection.

We have expanded our issues list to include monitoring and educating the public concerning the Pence-Kobach Commission, supporting impartial redistricting, working against voter restrictions and threats to civil rights, as well as helping voters understand the new voting requirements.

To meet these goals, action team members are in the process of reviewing other league's action plans for ideas for effective voter advocacy and protection.

Ruth Walker is reviewing a PowerPoint presentation from the KC League concerning the Missouri Photo Voter Id Law to determine if it would be a useful tool for educating our voters. Carol Bormann has created a pocket card and a voting display which has been used during voter registration events.

We are asking our action team members to participate in election monitoring and training, including carrying out exit interviews in upcoming elections. We will continue to participate in the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition and to liaison with other groups in our southwest Missouri area.

Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 9th, 5:30 at 5 Spices on S. Glenstone. Everyone is welcome.

### Mental Health Action Team Update

The Ozark Mental Health Network (OzMHN) will be hosting a meet and greet with the new CEO of Burrell, Dr. CJ Davis on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We encourage LWV members and their friends to attend this event. This is our chance to show Burrell and the community that we (LWV of Southwest Missouri) are committed to what we started in 2014 – improving accessibility and affordability for mental health services in Greene County.

## LEAGUE UPCOMING DATES

**Voter Advocacy & Protection Action Team**  
Monday, October 9, 2017 at 5:30pm  
5 Spices, 2058 Glenstone Ave.

**October Unit Meetings**  
Monday, October 16, 2017 at 5:30pm  
Prima's Mexican Restaurant, 3662 S. Glenstone

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at noon  
Drury University Findlay Student Center, Rm 204

**LWVMO Fall Conference**  
Saturday, October 28, from 9-3  
Sedalia, at State Fair Community College

**OzMNH Meet & Greet with Dr CJ Davis**  
Tuesday, November 7 at 6pm  
Location TBA



## DID YOU KNOW...?

Every Monday morning at 9:43am you can tune into our local NPR station, KSMU 91.1 FM to hear the weekly Making Democracy Work radio program.

The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri has enjoyed a 35+ year partnership with KSMU, Springfield's local National Public Radio affiliate, based at Missouri State University. This is a well-known and highly visible program for the League.

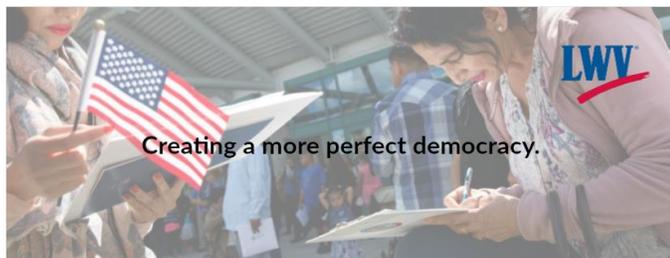
The staff at KSMU approached the League in the early 1980's to ask for assistance in covering topics of interest related to local government. The station offered the League the opportunity to host a weekly radio program. The program was first called "Issues of the '80's" and then "Issues of the '90's". During the 1990's, the program name was changed to its current title of "Making Democracy Work".

The weekly radio program airs every Monday morning at 9:43 am. It is an 8-minute interview hosted by a member of the League radio committee, which currently is comprised of six League members. The committee chooses their own guests and topics and creates the list of questions for each guest.

Topics for the program are designed to help citizens understand the role and operations of government, such as how local government is involved with a national issue, what it means to be an engaged citizen, or how a service or agency helps to fill a gap not covered by our local government.

Recent topics have included: An Update on the Community Report Cards, Issues Concerning Early Voting, Homeless Task Force, Juvenile Probation Issues, Home Rule Issues, and an update on the Human Rights Commission.

While no exact data is available, over the course of 35+ years, it's estimated there have been over 1800 weekly radio programs aired on KSMU. The program is also available on the web at [www.ksmu.org](http://www.ksmu.org). Click on the link for Local News and Arts/Making Democracy Work.



## MEET THE LEAGUE

By Pam Shaver

### Carol Bormann



While Carol Bormann is a relatively new addition to our chapter of the League of Women Voters, she has held a national membership in the past. Carol is a retired interior designer who served as an Associate Professor of Interior Design and Coordinator of Interior Design at Oklahoma State University. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Art from Missouri State University, as well as graduate studies in graphic design at the University of Arkansas and an M.S. in Interior Design from Oklahoma State University.

Carol's career obviously springs from her artistic talents, as she has been a fiber artist since 1989. Her works have won international, national, regional and state awards. As one might imagine, she currently spends a lot of time working in her studio.

When Carol is not busy with her artwork, she enjoys spending time with her son, who lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and her daughter, who lives close by in Springfield. Carol is also blessed with two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Carol's software skills have been of great benefit to our Photo Voter ID Committee, and she says she greatly enjoys using graphic and photo programs to create visual materials. Carol used those skills to make the billfold-sized ID and Voting Information flyer that we have been distributing to area voters. Like many of us, Carol is concerned about the increased suppression and exclusion of voters at the polls. After talking with her friend, Marge Bramer, Carol made the decision last November to join LOWV, and we are grateful that she did.

