

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

## The Voter

### GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Location:** Empower: Abilities, 1450 W Cambridge St

**Topic:** Equal Rights Act

Join us on January 18<sup>th</sup> for our general meeting. More information about the topic and speaker will be sent out by email in January.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

On January 31st, our League, along with Leagues across the country, will begin using computer software called ChapterSpot to manage our roster and payments. If your renewal date is before January 31 and you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Memberships which are not current on January 31 will not be brought forward into the new system. You can pay your dues online at <https://lwvswmo.org/join/> or by mailing a check to:

League of Women Voters of SW MO  
P O Box 3036  
Springfield, MO 65808-3036

If you have any questions,  
email [LWVSandy@gmail.com](mailto:LWVSandy@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your support!!

### LEAGUE T-SHIRTS

If you are interested in purchasing a League of Women Voters t-shirt, the cost is \$20.00. To order, contact [JPsmull@gmail.com](mailto:JPsmull@gmail.com) or buy at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### MANDATORY TRAINING

The LWVSWMO Board of Directors has voted to implement a **mandatory** DEI & Non-Partisan Training for all forward facing LWVSWMO volunteers in alignment with our DEI Statement and Non-Partisan Policies. The LWVSWMO Board of Directors feels

strongly that all forward facing League members that interact with the public and our community fully understand our DEI Statement and thoroughly embody Non-Partisanship. Our community looks to the League as experts and it is critical that our members, when interacting with our community, uphold the values and positions of the League.

In 2025, the League will host quarterly DEI & Non-Partisan Trainings, starting in January, for new members and any other members who have not completed it. If a member is on multiple committees and/or action teams, they only need to attend the Training once. Our quarterly training is scheduled for January 19th at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom information is below:

Topic: DEI & Non-Partisan Training

Time: Jan 19, 2025 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86392212425?pwd=4iC29G2D3QZ9maXdzJLLmaRysVaaLQ.1>

Meeting ID: 863 9221 2425

Passcode: 818269

Following the DEI & Non-Partisan Training, LWVSWMO members must sign onto the LWVSWMO Volunteer Handbook, which includes volunteer signatures onto our DEI Statement and Non-Partisan Policy. Signature to the LWVSWMO Volunteer Handbook signifies completion of the Training, and commitment to the League's values and positions on DEI and Non-Partisanship. If you have any questions regarding the DEI & Non-Partisan Training, please connect with Cynthia Erb, Chair of the DEI Committee, and Co-Presidents, Emily Fessler and Liz Wertz.

### DEI COMMITTEE UPDATE

The [Martin Luther King Jr. NAACP March](#) will take place Monday, January 20, 2025. Meet at Mediacom Ice Park at 7:30 a.m. March to Gillioz Theatre begins at 8:30 a.m. Program will follow at the Gillioz. Also, for MLK Weekend, free screening of THE BEST OF ENEMIES,

Saturday, January 18, 12 p.m., at the Moxie. Panel discussion to follow. For details on these and other MLK Weekend events, see the FB page for [NAACP Springfield](#).

## VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Voter Service Meeting Reminder  
Thursday, January 16, 6:30, Zoom

The meeting will include deputy registrar updates and information relating to voter education advocacy. Please plan to attend.

Email Joan Gentry at [joangentry2012@gmail.com](mailto:joangentry2012@gmail.com) for Zoom meeting information.

## LEGISLATIVE TRACKERS

LWVSWMO will have seven members working with statewide Legislative Trackers during the 2025 General Assembly which convenes on January 8. Mary Schnelle, Carol Browning, Marcie Crandall, Vreni Jones, Stephanie Hurt, Kelly Sutton, and Sherry Buchanan will work on teams to produce action alerts for the weekly Legislative Bulletins produced by LWVMO during the legislative session.

Following through on action alerts with phone calls, emails, and other advocacy is an important responsibility for all LWV members. LWV priorities need to be heard in Jefferson City, so please do your part in this essential democracy work.

All LWV members should receive the weekly Legislative Bulletin emails while the General Assembly is in session. If you are not getting them, check your spam. If that's not the problem, please contact Sherry Buchanan, [sherrybuchanan66@gmail.com](mailto:sherrybuchanan66@gmail.com).

## LOCAL HISTORY WITH TIES TO LEAGUE

In checking the membership portal, we found that we still had Voda (Bea) Curtis listed as a lifetime member even though she passed away in 1990. [Click here](#) to read the summary of historical records about Voda (Bea) Curtis.

## RADIO PROGRAM

Have you listened recently to our weekly Making Democracy Work program on KSMU radio? The League hosts a weekly program, every Monday at 9:45am, on KSMU 91.1FM. In case you missed the most recent episodes, you can click here to browse through the archives for topics you might want to listen to now: [Making Democracy Work](#).

- December 3: [Rates of depression and suicide are higher in SW Missouri than the rest of the state](#)
- December 11: [Mizzou journalism professor explains the impact of 'news deserts' on local communities](#)
- December 17: [Missouri Secretary of State explains the process of certifying elections](#)
- December 23: [Cold weather crisis program in Springfield is down 50 beds this year but the need is greater](#)

## UPCOMING DATES

### Voter Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:30pm, on Zoom.

### General Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 9:30am  
Empower: abilities  
1450 W Cambridge St.

### Education Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 11:15am  
Empower: abilities  
1450 W Cambridge St.

### Free Screening of THE BEST OF ENEMIES

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 12:00pm  
Moxie Cinema, 305 S Campbell Ave, #101,

### MLK Jr NAACP March

Monday, January 20, 2025, meet at 7:30am  
Meet at Mediacom (Brightspeed) Ice Park  
635 E Trafficway St.

