



THE LOCAL VOTER



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Message from the President



Janice Hardman
President

Happy Autumn!

As we head into the holiday season and head into a New Year, visions of a busy election year in 2012 are dancing through my head.

The State of Ohio has acquired enough signatures to

delay HB 194 immediately. Once the signatures are verified, the issue will be on the ballot in 2012. The League will play a critical role in educating the public on the potential changes related to HB 194 and consequences of those changes on voters and voter accessibility. In addition, we have Presidential, Senate, Congressional and local races. This makes 2012 a BIG election year for Ohioans. What a year we have to look forward to!!!

This is the time to be thinking about how you can get involved next year: Do you want to assist with Voter Registration? Would you like to participate in organizing Candidates Forums? How about proof reading the Voter Information Guide or assisting with distribution? These are just a few of the ways you can get involved with the League.

The League of Women Voters Ohio has sent out a survey requesting all members answer a few questions about their experience at the polls on November 8. You can respond online or get a hard copy to mail in. Just another small way to get involved!

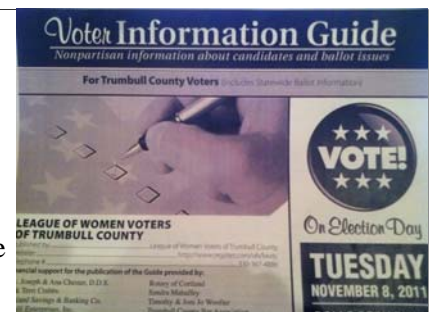
As I continue my first year as President, I look forward to the upcoming election year. This is OUR League and together we can make an impact.

Happy Holidays!

Janice

Thank you to all the members who helped to distribute the 2011 Voter Information Guide to all Trumbull County libraries, Scope centers and area businesses. There were 10,000 guides distributed.

Special Thanks to all of the donors who made it possible for the Voter Guide to be published. Donors for 2011 were: Drs. Joseph & Ana Chester, D.D.S.; Al & Terri Crabbs; Cortland Savings & Banking Co.; Covelli Enterprises, Inc.; First Place Bank Community Foundation; Farmers National Bank; Frank & Pearl Gelbman Charitable Trust; Gwen Logan; Red's Auto Glass; Ross, Maiorca & Associates, CPA, Inc.; Rotary of Cortland; Sandra Mahaffey; Timothy & Joni Jo Woofter; Trumbull County Bar Association; Various Anonymous Donations; and Warren Area Board of Realtors.



And a final Thank You to the VIG Committee for 2011: Kirsten Burkey, Terri Crabbs, Dorie Harris, Charlotte Meloni, Phyllis Savelle, and Eddie Wolcott.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

GFWC Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County is one of sixteen member clubs of GFWC Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs. If you are a member of the LWVTC, you are also a member of City Federation. The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 11:30 am at various locations.

The next meeting will be held at Avalon at Squaw Creek on Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 am. The cost will be \$16.50 and you will have your choice of Hepburn Salad, Trio Salad, or Quiche Lorraine, plus dessert. The program will be "Adoption and Foster Care" presented by Children's Services Board staff Mike Sylvester and Tracy Miller. Community Outreach for the month will be to assist the Emblem Club in collecting plastic grocery bags for the Nicholson Center.

If you are interested in attending a meeting please contact Dorie Harris at dorie8543@aol.com or 330-544-4193 no later than December 9th.

Cookbook Fundraiser—GFWC WCFWC

Dear Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs members,

If you have been to a meeting of The Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs in recent months, we have *exciting news!* We are putting together a *COOKBOOK!* You ladies are the authors! It is going to be a fundraiser, funds to be distributed per the membership to local charities which will be determined at the December membership meeting.



We are rapidly approaching our deadline for collecting recipes. Each member may submit no more than five (5) recipes. We are taking the first 300 recipes to add to the book. We would like YOUR favorites. New ones, passed down from Grandma, family or friends that you love to prepare. **Deadline for recipe submission is December 13, 2011.**

The cookbooks will be ready prior to Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 13, 2012. Cost of the cookbook will be \$15.00 if you pre-order. After cookbooks arrive the cost will be \$18.00.

We also would like you to submit a TITLE for the book. There will be a Surprise gift for the person who submits the BEST title. Deadline for submission of a cookbook title is **December 1, 2011**

Attached to the newsletter is a form that we would like you to fill out and either mail it or use the format to email it.

Mail to:

Gail Drushel	Sandy Mahaffey	Kim Biegacki
359 Aspen Dr. NW	515 Joan Ave. SE	3932 Bellwood
Warren, OH 44483	Girard, OH 44420	Warren, OH 44484
Gubbydr47@aol.com	mahaffey151@aol.com	pistachyoo@aol.com

Any questions or information needed Mary Theis 330-856-6543 or D34sunny@aol.com

Please add your club name on ALL recipes. If you belong to more than one Club include those names (one club per recipe).

Thank you and let's make this a success.

Mary Theis ~ Chairperson

Gail Drushel ~ Co-Chairperson

Leadership Training Opportunities Available

The LWVO offers web-based training sessions for Local Leaders and those interested in Leadership Development.

If you are a Leader or a person interested in Leadership, you can benefit from the training program. Past participants all agree that the training offers helpful tips and ways make their jobs easier to accomplish.

You only need a telephone, internet access and an interest in learning more. From the comfort of your home, you can learn important information to assist you in your League work.

Contact the State Office at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org for more information.

Brunch with National League of Women Voters President Elisabeth Mac Namara

On Saturday, October 29th State Board members and local League members welcomed Elisabeth MacNamara, President of National League of Women Voters, at a brunch at Shula's in Independence. Ms. MacNamara was in Ohio as part of the National's Protect Public Health Clean Air Act Campaign.

The League is sending letters to Senators asking them to support the Clean Air Act. Ms. MacNamara spoke on the campaign and informed us that our Senators has received letters and asked them to sign the promise to protect. She is also hoping that we can get the announcements in newspapers/editorial sections across the state. To find out more about the Clean Air Campaign, please visit the National website at www.lwv.org. To sign the Clean Air Promise online, please visit www.peoplenotpolluters.org.

Member Christmas Dinner/Board Meeting

All LWVTC Members are cordially invited to attend an evening of education and fellowship with your fellow League members and Board.

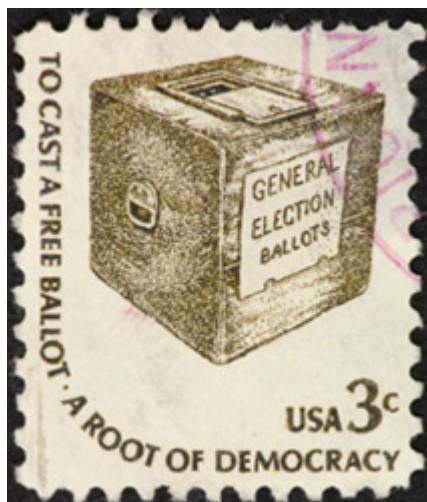
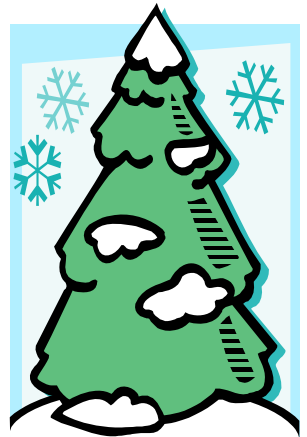
Date: December 12, 2011

Time: 5:30pm

*Location: Warren Women's Club, 708 North Park Avenue, Warren, OH
44483-4821*

Cost: \$11.00

*Please RSVP by Thursday, December 8, 2011. Reservations to Dorie Harris
at Dorie8543@aol.com or phone at 330-544-4193*



Welcome New Members

Rhonda J. Bennett

Janice Scott Luoma

Judie Hartley

Theresa Salcone



WANTED VOLUNTEERS
FOR LAW WEEK TOURS

APRIL 16-19, 2012

APRIL 23-26, 2012

The Trumbull County Bar Association, the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County and the Trumbull County Bar Auxiliary are again planning tours for Trumbull County high school seniors as part of Law Week celebrations. Volunteer tour guides are needed to escort the students to the Trumbull County Courthouse, Prosecutor's Office, Family/Juvenile Court Center, and Warren Municipal Court. Students observe trials, tour the Juvenile Detention Center and learn about government and the law.

Each volunteer tour guide will have a group of 20 to 30 students. Tours begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:45 a.m. at the Courthouse. Tours are scheduled for Monday through Thursday, April 16 through 19; and Monday through Thursday, April 23 through April 26. Look for your notice to attend the Law Day Luncheon at Avalon Inn's Grand Pavilion on Tuesday, May 1st.

To volunteer one morning, please complete and return the form below to the Trumbull County Bar Association, P. O. Box 4222, Warren, OH, 44482, or you may deliver the form to the Bar Association office located in the Law Library, Lower Level. Any questions may be directed to Koula Glaros-King, Chair of Law Week Tours, at 330-744-3198.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO: The Trumbull County Bar Association, P. O. Box 4222, Warren, OH 44482

LAW WEEK TOUR GUIDE

I can serve as a tour guide on the following date(s) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

<u> </u> Monday, April 16	<u> </u> Monday, April 23
<u> </u> Tuesday, April 17	<u> </u> Tuesday, April 24
<u> </u> Wednesday, April 18	<u> </u> Wednesday, April 25
<u> </u> Thursday, April 19	<u> </u> Thursday, April 26

(Please Print)


Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

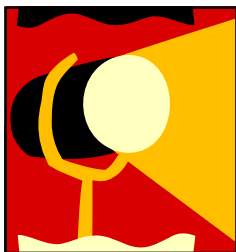
Member of the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County _____ Yes _____ No

You will be contacted to confirm your date of availability.

	SAVE THE DATE: A. Philip Randolph Institute will be honoring the LWV of Trumbull County on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 3:00 pm at DiVieste's Banquet Center, North River Road Warren. Cost \$25. More information will be forthcoming. SAVE THE DATE: Women's History Dinner, Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Location and more information will be forthcoming.
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Keep Up-To-Date

- **WEB SITE.** It is regularly updated and contains various current information that we hope will help you and give you an area to refer non-Leaguers to visit. If there is something that you would like to see on the website, please contact Terri. **Our website address is: <http://www.orgsites.com/oh/lwvtc/>**
- **FACEBOOK.** LWVTC also has a Facebook account and can be found by searching for *LWV of Trumbull County, Ohio*. Be a Friend & keep in touch with current information and events as they happen.



Board Member Spotlight

I am a native of West Chester, Pennsylvania. I moved to Trumbull County in 1979. I believe in the saying, "Grow where you are planted!" When I married in 1975, we moved to Wichita, Kansas where my spouse was on the medical staff of Wichita Osteopathic Hospital. We transplanted to Warren, Ohio when he was employed by Warren General Hospital as their Pathologist.

As a member of the League of Women Voters, I am serving my fourth year as a director. My interest in government goes back to my childhood where elections and voting were often a topic at the dinner table. My father was a councilman for the borough and some of my high school classmates had fathers in elected offices and later were elected to offices in the town themselves.

The committees I am serving on this year are—Voter Service, Membership, Sunshine/Telephone, Parliamentarian, and Eastgate Council of Governments.

Another main interest of mine is singing alto in the "Stambaugh Chorus". Since I can read music, this is a good brain exercise plus the joy of being with other singers.

Before being a LWV member, I logged in about 270 hours with a Help Hotline. For about ten years I delivered mobile meals every other Thursday. These activities helped me learn the rewards of helping others. Other organization involvement include Fifth Wheel (a spin-off of the Welcome Wagon) since 1979 and Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs and Trumbull County Federation of Women's Clubs.

My pet Lexie enjoys being at home with me where my son, Karl has returned the nest.

I did earn a Bachelor's Degree from a little known liberal arts college in Immaculata Pennsylvania. Yes, that is the college known for its unique basketball team, "The Mighty Macs". The movie about them is currently playing locally. Other hobbies include needlework, crafts and gardening.



Alice Cosgrove

Glossary of League Lingo - There are certain terms that are unique to the League of Women Voters- "League Lingo." Some are listed here to help new and long standing members.

ACTION: Promoting the League's positions on local, state and national public policy issues to government officials, the media and the public.

ACTION ALERT: Request from the LWVUS or state League to take action in support of a League position.

CONSENSUS: Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.

CONCURRENCE: Agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League.

POSITION: A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate board and used as a basis for League action.

PRINCIPLES: Governmental standards and policies supported by the League as a whole. They constitute the authorization for adoption of program at all levels.

PROGRAM: Selected governmental issues chosen by members at the local, state and national levels for study and action.

PROGRAMS: Plans for speakers, discussion or other activities for League meetings.

VOTERS GUIDE: Nonpartisan publication giving candidates' qualifications and positions on selected issues.

VOTERS SERVICE: Year-round activity to help citizens be politically effective and to encourage their participation in the political process. Registering voters and presenting factual, nonpartisan information on candidates and election issues are basic voters service activities.

In Memory of a great friend of the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County

AUSTINBURG - Joy K. Ryan, 90, formerly of Warren, passed away peacefully at 3:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, at the Austinburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Austinburg.

She was born Jan. 25, 1921, in Wofford, Ky., the daughter of the late William R. and Myrtle J. Jordan King. After graduating from high school, Joy contributed to the war effort by working as a riveter in Michigan in a plant that manufactured B-24 bombers. She was a true "Rosie the Riveter."

A Trumbull County resident since 1957, she was a devoted homemaker and attended Church of Christ on Parkman Road before moving to Austinburg. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, VFW Post 1090 Auxiliary and enjoyed traveling. Joy was very active in politics and was a member of **the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County**, Federated Democratic Ladies Club, the Jefferson Democrat Club, the Warren City Democrat Club and the Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Her husband, Robert W. Ryan, whom she married Oct. 21, 1950, preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1995. She also was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Shirley Brown; and a brother, Ivor N. King. She will be sadly missed by two sons, Thomas H. Ryan and his companion Judy Burlingame of Austinburg, and James V. Frances Ryan of Annapolis, Md.; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She also leaves a sister, Dorothy Mitchell of New Port Richey, Fla.; and a brother, Sid W. King of Bonita Springs, Fla. Material contributions may be made to the VFW Post 1090 Auxiliary 611 High St. N.E., Warren, Ohio 44483

Women's Equality Day Celebration 2011

The Women's Park on Mahoning Avenue was the location of the annual Women's Equality Day celebration on Friday, August 26, 2011. The ceremony marked the 91st anniversary of the day that the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote and to participate in government.

The free event was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, the Upton Association, the Warren Civic League and the GFWC/Warren Junior Women's League.

Mayor Michael J. O'Brien of the City of Warren presented proclamations to the co-sponsoring organizations. Jeanne Bryner, Newton Falls Author/Playwright spoke to the audience regarding the importance of every woman passing on their story, as we are all important for our history. Sue Stoddart, Past President of the Upton Association narrated a presentation of "Fashions of the Era" with several members of the Upton Association modeling. The U.S. Army Warren Recruiting Company presented the color guard and Maplewood student Caitlin Overton presented some wonderful musical entertainment. A reception was held following the event behind the Kinsman House with refreshments provided courtesy of the co-sponsoring organizations.

Thank you to Terri Crabbs, Chair of the Event and LWV committee members Dorie Harris, Phyllis Savelle, and Eddie Wolcott and to LWV members who helped provide refreshments.



Women's Equality Day 2011—This display case at the Warren Public Library was put together by committee members Dorothy Sideropolis from the GFWC/WJWL and Kathy Lepro from the Upton Association for the month of August in honor of Women's Equality Day.

THANK YOU

to League Member Phyllys Savelle for your many years of service as a director on the LWV of Trumbull County Board. Phyllys resigned from the board at the

end of October due to health reasons. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Phyllys to feel better soon!



Summer Sizzle 2011—Anyone for a Sausage Sandwich? Eddie Wolcott led the way for LWVTC to sell out of her now famous sausage sandwiches at the Sizzle this past August. Everything was donated as well as the time of these Leaguers: (l-r) Sue Smith, Eddie Wolcott, Phyllys Savelle, Dorie Harris and Terri Crabbs. Missing from the photo are: Janice Hardman, Peggy Boyd, Nancy Lorey and Kirsten Burkey.

Over \$400 was raised for the LWVTC education fund. A big thank you to Bill Hallett for providing the tent!!

The U.S. Constitution...Fascinating Facts About It

- The word "democracy" does not appear once in the Constitution.
- The first time the formal term "The United States of America" was used was in the Declaration of Independence.
- A proclamation by President George Washington and a congressional resolution established the first national Thanksgiving Day on November 26, 1789. The reason for the holiday was to give "thanks" for the new Constitution.
- The U.S. Constitution has 4,440 words. It is the oldest and the shortest written constitution of any major government in the world

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County is open to all citizens over the age of 18 who believe in representative government. Local League membership is not tax deductible, but does entitle you to state and national League membership. Men are invited to join with full privileges. Dues assistance is available upon request. *Membership checks must be made payable to LWVTC.*

Individual Dues—\$60

Two at same address—\$30 each add'l person

30 years old and younger—\$30

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

I support the work of LWV of Trumbull County and would like to make a monetary donation toward their mission in the amount of :

\$25 ___ **\$50** ___ **\$75** ___ **\$100** ___ **Other \$** ___

A separate check must be made payable to the *LWVTC Education Fund*. All contributions to the League's Education Fund are tax-deductible and will be used only for educational endeavors.

Please return this form to:
LWV of Trumbull County
P.O. Box 161
Fowler, Ohio 44418

Or

For additional information on membership, please contact Kirsten Burkey, Membership Chair at 330-367-4886.



LWV of Trumbull County Calendar

2011

Dec. 12 Board/Member Meeting, 5:30 pm—Warren Women's Club

2012

Jan. 14 Public Official's Reception; 9:30 am— Location TBD

Feb. 27 Member Meeting

Mar. 27 Women's History Dinner

April 10 LWVO Statehouse Day—Columbus

April Law Week Tours—April 16-19, April 23-26

April 23 Member Meeting

May 21 Annual Meeting

Aug. 26 Women's Equality Day; 3 pm—Warren Women's Park

Check for updates on the LWV website at <http://www.orgsites.com/oh/lwvtc/> or on Facebook at LWV of Trumbull County, Ohio.

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