



THE LOCAL VOTER



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April 2010

Member Meeting

Monday, April 26, 6 pm

Speaker: Sarah Lown, Mahoning River Consortium

Location: Warren Women's Club

North Park Ave, Warren

70th Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010

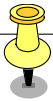
Location: DiLucia's Banquet Center, Warren

Speaker: Elizabeth C. Clark - U.S. Constitution

Registration - 9 am Brunch/Meeting - 9:30 am

Cost: \$13 Members & \$15 Non-Members

RSVP due May 7 by calling Sue Smith at 330-856-7145



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2010 Dates to Remember

State House Day
Wednesday, April 14

Political Forum
Co-Sponsor with YWRC
Thursday, April 15
Ciminero's, 11:30 am

Member Meeting
Monday, April 26 6pm
Warren Women's Club

Annual Meeting
Saturday May 15, 9 am
DiLucia's, Warren, OH

Highlights from Your State League: Mid-January – Mid-March, 2010

LWV-Ohio's new blog is up and running! Share your thoughts about the statewide ballot issues—relocating the Columbus casino and renewing the Third Frontier Program—at <http://lwvohio.blogspot.com/>. And while you're on the blog site, become a Facebook fan of LWV-Ohio and sign up for Tweets to get the latest state League updates. Our blog is also accessible through LWV-Ohio's website, www.lwvohio.org.

Your Ohio League hosted six regional meetings across the state for local Leagues on topics including education reform, regionalism, use of technology / social networking, and "making the ask" to recruit new members.

LWV-Ohio Education Fund has cosponsored six Town Hall Meetings with local Leagues, with a particular focus on the importance and interrelationship of redistricting and the Census.

LWV-Ohio Board of Directors approved a FY 2010-2011 state League budget for membership discussion and approval at 2010 Council, April 14. We hope you'll join us at what promises to be an informative and energizing Statehouse Day / Council!

Your state League has kicked off Phonathon 2010 and welcomes each member's participation. Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS to LWV of Trumbull County member Julie Vugrinovich who was awarded 2010 Trumbull County Community Star. Julie was one of 12 volunteers recognized at the 9th Annual Community Stars sponsored by the Tribune Chronicle and the Trumbull-Mercer Chapter of the American Red Cross. Thank you for all the work you do for the League and the many organizations you serve!

WELCOME

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County would like to welcome the following new members:

Sonya Carter, Warren, OH

Patti Dushaw Earnhart, Niles, OH

Nancy Lorey, Warren, OH

Welcome to LWV of Trumbull County!

LOCAL VOTER: Editor Janice C. Hardman
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Nominations Needed

The following Terms are expiring in 2010 and Janice Hardman, Committee Chair is looking for Nominations for this years Board: 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Board of Director(2 year terms) 2 positions, Nominating Committee-2 positions. The Board also appoints up to 4 directors to serve a one year term. If you are interested in any of these positions or you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions, please contact Janice Hardman at 330-766-0837 or at email jancat40@hotmail.com. Those nominated will be contacted by phone or email and be given the opportunity to review the commitments and expectations of being a Board Member before choosing to be on the ballot. All positions and nominations will be presented to the Membership at the Annual Meeting in May.

LWV of Trumbull County MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual dues for the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County are:

Individual—\$60

Two at same Address—\$30 each additional

30 years of age and under—\$30

Dues assistance is available. Included in your membership are subscriptions to the *National Voter*, *Ohio Voter* and *Local Voter* newsletters. Dues are not tax deductible.

Name: _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Birthday/Month: _____

Return to:

**Kirsten Burkey, Membership Chair
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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.

Regional Chamber and LWV of Trumbull County co-host Political Forum

The Regional Chamber is teaming up with the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County to co-host a political forum featuring candidates for the 65th state house district seat that will be vacated at the end of the year by state Rep. Sandra Harwood of Niles.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm Thursday April 15 at Ciminero's Banquet Centre in Niles.

Invited to take part in the forum, which will be moderated by the LWV of Trumbull County are Democrats Michael Boccia of Niles, Sean O'Brien of Brookfield, Edward Stredney of Niles and J.D. Williams of Liberty, and Republicans Geno Capone of Hubbard and Nicholas Hunt of Niles. The primary races for this soon-to-be-open seat will be important ones so reserve your place at the luncheon to get to know the candidates.

When: 11:30 am to 1:15 pm, Thursday, April 15

Where: Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 Main St., Niles, OH

Cost: \$20 for both members and non members

To register, go to www.regionalchamber.com or call 330-744-2131, ext. 12

Fundraiser

The LWV of Trumbull County held a Spring Fling "Cash" Raffle. 100 tickets were sold for \$5.00 each. The drawing was held on April 1 and Kevin Hopkinson was the winner.

THANK YOU to Kevin who promptly donated \$100 of his \$250 winnings back to the League. All proceeds from this raffle benefit the LWV of Trumbull County Education Fund.

Voter Information Guide

Plans are being made to publish a Voter's Information Guide this fall for the November 2010 election. Donations are needed to support this publication. If you know of any professionals or organizations that may wish to donate, please provide their information to one of the planning committee members: Dorie Harris, Charlotte Meloni, Kirsten Burkey or Terri Crabbs. The committee is working hard to secure donations, develop questions and type and edit the voters guide. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Terri Crabbs.

Mahoning River Consortium 31 Mile Riverside Picnic Party

The Mahoning River Consortium is hosting a 31 mile Riverside Picnic-Party. This all day PICNIC ALONG THE MAHONING RIVER from Newton Falls into Warren is planned for June 12th. It is open to everyone and the idea is to make people aware of the river's beauty. There is clean-up taking place prior to this date. As a member of the LWV of Trumbull County, I volunteered to post signs in Trumbull County for best locations to picnic and observe canoeing. More information will be provided closer to June. For more information on the Consortium, visit their website at <http://www.mahoningriver.com/>.

-Submitted by Alice Cosgrove

President's Corner

Dear Members,

We are nearing the end of the year's League activities and are beginning to plan for our 70th Annual Meeting, being held on Saturday, May 15. The annual meeting is one of the most important general membership meetings of the year. It gives you a change to shape the future of the Trumbull County League and to enjoy being a member of the organization. Please consider serving in one of the League leadership positions which are open. Contact Janice Hardman at jancat40@hotmail.com to express your interest.

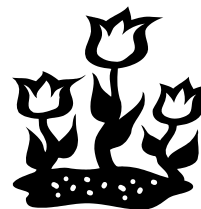
If anyone has ANY historical data for our League, please contact me as soon as possible. It is so important to keep track of our League's heritage and all of the individuals who played such an important part in getting us where we are today.

Also at our annual meeting this year, we will have an opportunity to enjoy Elizabeth C. Clark and her portrayal of the U.S. Constitution. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's meeting.

Remember I am available to all members at any time. Please feel free to contact me by email at tcrabbs@aol.com or telephone 330-637-3845.

Enjoy the warm weather! Spring is in the air!

Terri



Civic Day

The Trumbull County Educational Service Center sponsored its Annual Civic Day on March 8, 2010. Civic Day allows leaders of the of the Civic Community to sponsor a Trumbull County High School student to shadow them. LWVTC sponsored a student from TCTC. The student attended the Board of Elections, learned about the League and then attended a luncheon with guest speaker, State Senator Capri Cafaro. Civic Day sponsors at the Board of Elections included, Roz Gadd representing the Retired Teachers Association, Jodi Fiorenzo Dibble and Kelly Pallante representing the Board of Elections and Janice Hardman representing LWVTC. Students standing from L to R: Tyler Burk of McDonald, Jasmine Kirkland of Warren, Nick Mosck of Newton Falls, and Sindy Gwinn of TCTC.



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