



THE LOCAL VOTER



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How can you get involved?

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County has a busy spring planned with events that will interest everyone. We will need help from all of you so take a look and see what interests you. What can you do to be more involved?

Legislative Interviews: We will be participating in Legislative Interviews and have been asked by the State League to interview, Senator Capri Cafaro, 32nd District, State Representative Tom Letson 64th District, State Representative Casey Kaslowski, 99th District and State Representative Sean O'Brien, 65th District. Board members have been assigned to conduct these interviews but are asking for members to be part of the interviews as well. If you are interested in participating in these interviews and getting to know the legislators better, please contact Kirsten Burkey at 330-638-7536 or kirbob1963@yahoo.com.

Law Day Tours: Trumbull County Bar Association is again conducting Law Day tours for high school students. League of Women Voter members have acted as tour guides for this educational event. Law Day Tours will be conducted April 18 - 21 and April 25 - 28 from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. If you are interested in participating, please contact Terri Crabbs.

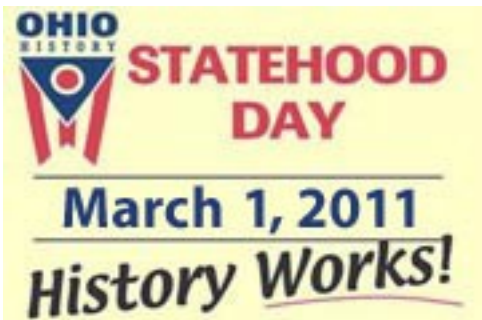
Candidates Forum: LWVTC and the A. Philip Randolph Institute are co sponsoring a Candidates Forum for the Warren City Mayor primary candidates on April 19 at Warren G. Harding High School. We will need volunteers to screen questions, act as hosts and timekeepers. If you interested in getting involved, please contact Mary Hoke at 330-898-0603 or maryhpgm@yahoo.com.

LWV Ohio Convention 2011: Join in with fellow League of Women Voter members from around the Great State of Ohio for the 59th Annual State Convention at Maumee State Park on May 13-15, 2011. Co-hosting Leagues are LWV of Bowling Green, LWV of Perrysburg Area, LWV of Tiffin Area and LWV of Toledo/Lucas County. This will give you a change to build sustaining relationships with other members and cultivate your network. Grow your knowledge through dynamic workshops and idea exchange sessions. Strengthen the League of Women Voters by adding your voice to the conversation about the future of the League and plans for 2011-2013. Additional information is located on Page 6.

Voter Information Guide 2011: Anyone interested in getting involved with producing the 2011 Voter Information Guide? Just curious in what it takes to "get it all together"? A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23 at 9:00 am at Top Notch Diner in Cortland. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.



What is Statehood Day?

When the Ohio General Assembly conducts business on March 1st each year, they are carrying on a tradition that dates back to March 1, 1803 when Ohio's first governor, Edward Tiffin and Ohio's first General Assembly met in Chillicothe, the state's first capital. Ohio officially became the 17th state in the union on that date as well.

LWVO Regional Meeting

The LWV of Ohio held a regional meeting on Saturday, February 26 at Hiram College for the Northeast Leagues: LWV Akron Area, LWV Canton, LWV of Greater Youngstown, LWV Hudson, LWV Kent, LWV Northern Portage, LWV Tallmadge, LWV Trumbull County & LWV Wayne County. Terri Crabbs and Charlotte Meloni represented our League.

Ardith Keck, LWVO Vice President and Terrie Nielsen, LWVO Director led a discussion in Advocacy: Jump-starting at the Local Level. Ideas were shared on how to make a difference with a small group or a committee of one with local League advocacy.

Other discussion centered on information sharing regarding everything from candidate nights to membership drives to social networking.

Trumbull County Women's History Dinner Committee

Presents

The 25th Annual Celebration

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

5:30 Social 6:00 Dinner

(catered by Saratoga Restaurant)

Packard Music Hall, Warren, Ohio

Tickets—\$25 each

Program

Dorothy Dandridge (Performed by Vernice Jackson)

And

Mahalia Jackson (Performed by Madelyn Sanders)

(Performances by the Women in History of Lakewood, Ohio)

The LWV of Trumbull has tickets available to any member interested in attending and sitting at one of the League of Women Voters' tables. Please contact Charlotte Meloni at 330-501-8039 stulljv1@aol.com or Janice Hardman at 330-394-6605 jancat40@hotmail.com

The Women's History Committee is celebrating the 25th anniversary of community celebrations for Women's History Month. This year's theme is "*Our History, Our Strength*". Join in as local social, civic, church, and educational women's groups celebrate Women's History Month.

Public Officials Reception 2011

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County held their annual Public Officials Reception (formerly known as Legislative Brunch) January 22 at Di Lucia's.



1st row (l-r)

Kirsten Burkey; Dorie Harris; Mayor Lyle Waddell, Newton Falls; Dr. Humphrey Germaniuk, TC Coroner; Mary Hoke; Janice Hardman; Senator Capri Cafaro; Charlotte Meloni; Sue Smith; Peggy Boyd; Terri Crabbs, President, LWVTC

2nd row (l-r)

Hattie Hawkins; Eddie Wolcott; Phyllys Savelle; Senator Tim Grendell; Mayor Curt Moll, Cortland; Mayor Michael Chaffee, Lordstown; Judge Diane Grendell; Atty. Mark Finemore; State Representative Sean O'Brien; Mayor Michael O'Brien, Warren; State Representative Casey Kozwalski

Nominations Needed!!!

The Nominating Committee is looking for nominations for the following Board positions which are up for election at the Annual Meeting.: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, 2 year Director Positions and the Nominating Committee for next year. If you are interested or would like to nominate a member for any of the positions please contact Pam Hallett at 330-637-2731 or pamhal@aol.com or Margaret Petrosky at 330-652-2037 or Grete3@neo.rr.com.

JOIN US FOR STATEHOUSE DAY – April 7, 2011

Join us in Columbus – and bring a friend! – April 7, 2011 as the League of Women Voters of Ohio presents 2011 Statehouse Day, a discussion of Civil Discourse.

Event Details

This year's Civil Discourse Statehouse Day will take place on the 31st floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and Arts across from the Ohio Statehouse. The program will begin with registration and continental breakfast between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and will conclude around 3:00 p.m. A reception with legislators will end the day.

Statehouse Day participants will attend a morning session on the state budget and may attend two afternoon workshops on critical state policy issues. Workshop topics include healthcare, education, local advocacy tools and juvenile justice. Legislators will be invited to attend the workshops to get their input on where the state is heading as it relates to these and other issues. This year, attendees will have the option of requesting a meeting with their legislator through the LWVO office and be teamed up for the meeting with a member of the Lobby Corps.

Featured Speaker



We face many challenges at the local, state, and national level. For Ohio, the budget deficit looms rather large. In order to solve the problems of the state budget and many national issues, there must be bipartisan support of Civil Discourse. The hallmarks of Civil Discourse include an objective review of issues and solutions and the avoidance of hostility and direct antagonism of those participating in the conversation. Civil Discourse, in addition to being the theme for 2011 Statehouse Day will be the subject presented by our keynote speaker, Fred Andrie. Mr. Andrie is a retired National Public Radio host from the Columbus area.

Register Today! Registration due by March 30.

The registration fee of \$35 (\$20 for students, \$40 for non-members) covers a continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee/tea throughout the day. Registrations are due by March 30th.

Membership News

By: Kirsten Burkey, 2nd VP & Membership Chair

Members, if you have a friend or acquaintance who might be interested in the League, now would be the time for them to join. Because we are in the middle of our membership year, dues would only be \$30 for the remainder of the year for first time members.



***Do As Much Or As Little As You Want, But Remember...
Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport!***

OBSERVERS: THE EYES AND EARS OF THE LEAGUE

By: Charlotte Meloni , Treasurer & Chair of Observer Corps

Basic to effective League activity in a community is understanding how the local government works. A local League observer is the eyes and ears of the League, learning how government works and about issues that are or may become items for local study and action. The objective is to monitor governmental bodies for information of importance to the League and the community/state.

The Observer Corps have continued to observe the meetings of the County Commissioners, the Board of Elections and added the meetings of Cortland Trustees. There are now 6 trained observers with plans in process to begin observing the Warren City Council. We have begun instituting an on-line reporting process so that all LWVTC members can be aware of what has happened at the meetings that are observed.

Anyone interested in joining the Observer Corps (it only takes approximately 2 hours a month) or having suggestions for an entity to be observed, please contact Charlotte Meloni at Stulljv1@aol.com or 330-876-9702.

Warren City Federation Meetings

As a member of the League, you are also a member of the Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs and are invited to attend their meetings.

Tuesday March 8, 2011 at 11:30 am at Enzo's Restaurant

Program: Author Jeanne Bryner, "Saving Women's Lives through Writing"

Hostess Club: Warren Women's Club

Cost: \$11.00 for luncheons. You **MUST** call or email your lunch selection: chicken, fish or steak (please try to bring correct change or pay by check)

Reservations and Lunch Selection by Friday March 4 to Dorie Harris at dorie8543@aol.com or telephone 330-544-4193.

Donations: Collection of toiletries for Salvation Army

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 11:30 am at Shepherd of the Valley

Program: Amy Reeher, Watershed Coordinator Trumbull County Soil & Water Conservation District; "Backyard Conversation: Focus on Butterflies"

Hostess Club: Altrusa

Cost: \$8.50 for buffet luncheon (please try to bring correct change or pay by check)

Reservations by Friday, April 5 to Dorie Harris at dorie8543@aol.com or telephone 330-544-4193.



Thank you...

All League Members—Thank you for being supportive of our League and working to help us to grow...everyone's contribution is what makes us ... The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County.

**59th Ohio State LWV Convention
May 13—15, 2011**

The Northwest Ohio Leagues of Bowling Green, Perrysburg Area, Tiffin Area and Toledo/Lucas County and the Board of LWVO invite you to attend LWVO State Convention.

SUSTAINING DEMOCRACY Through SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Ohio
hereby calls the local Leagues to send delegates to the
59th State Convention at Maumee State Park, May 13-15, 2011.

Please join us at the 2011 State Convention to ...

Build sustaining relationships with other members and **cultivate your network.**

Grow your knowledge through dynamic workshops and idea exchange sessions.

Strengthen the League of Women Voters by adding your voice to the conversation about the future of the League and plans for 2011-2013.

Tentative Schedule for Convention Events:

Friday, May 13 Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 14 Banquet with keynote speaker – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 Convention adjourns at noon

The Convention shall be composed of the following voting delegates:

1. The president (or designated alternate) from each local League.
2. One delegate from each local League for each 50 voting members, or a fraction thereof, based on the records in the LWVUS office on February 1, 2011.
3. One delegate from each ILO or MAL unit.
4. The members of the LWVO Board of Directors

All other League members may attend the Convention as visitors.

Convention Registration Fees (exclusive of food and lodging):

Delegate \$115 Visitor (Friday or Sunday) \$30 Visitor (Saturday) \$55

Hotel room rate is \$99. per night. Please contact Carol Russell, co-president, LWV Perrysburg Area at 419-874-4416, 13917 Eckel Junction Rd., Perrysburg, 43551 to make your reservation prior to the **hotel reservation deadline of April 11, 2011.**

Further information will be sent in emails concerning registration, agenda, proposed budget, bylaws, State Program and hotel reservations. These materials will also be posted on the LWVO Website www.lwvohio.org. Registration deadline is April 22, 2011.

How to Contact LWVO:

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Fax: (614) 469-7918

Email: lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org

Website: www.lwvohio.org

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 \$** ___

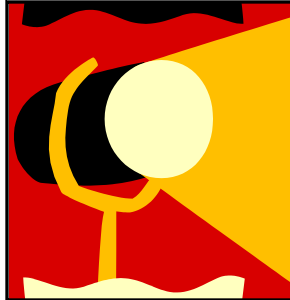
A separate check must be made payable to the *LWVTC Education Fund*. All contributions to the League's Education Fund are tax-deductible and will be used only for educational endeavors.

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.

Board Member Spotlight Dorie Harris, Director



Birthdate:
Current Residence: Niles
Employer: Retired, GM Lordstown. Managed Trim Department at the Assembly Plant
Family: 5 Children and spouses, 5 Grandchildren with 3 spouses and 2 Great Grandchildren.
Pets: None

Interests/Hobby: Politics, Women's Organizations, Computers, Training and Teaching others.

Years in League: 2

Why you joined League? Because of the respect that The League of Women Voters already has, and I feel I can contribute to their cause.

Present positions/activities in the League: Currently director, Chair of the Fundraising Committee. I have donated a lot of time on the Voter's Information Guide, Grants meetings, and Women's Equality Day.

Other Organizations you hold membership in: Warren Junior Women's League, Warren Republican women's clubs, The Upton Association, Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs, Order of Eastern Star-Morning Light Chapter #80 and the Order of White Shrine Warren.

Any other info to share: I am very organized and adept to computers. I also enjoy donating my time and energy to various charities.



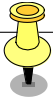
LWVTC Members.....Keeping in Touch!

- **Local Voter Newsletter Distribution.** The Local Voter costs the League approximately \$1.24 a copy. This includes the paper/copying/postage. With the cost of postage and copying costs AND the postage increase that is due again soon, it really helps defray the cost to the League by using email. If for some reason you are not able to print out the newsletter, please contact Co-Editors Terri Crabbs at tcrabbs@aol.com or 330-637-3845 or Janice Hardman at jan-cat40@aol.com or 330-394-6605 and request that you receive a paper copy. We are also always looking for news-worthy items to share with our membership. The Local Voter will be published four times this year: August/September; October/November; January/February; March/April (cut off date February 20).

- **WEB SITE.** LWVTC has had a website for over a year now. 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. Invite your friends to join us on Facebook as well as to the next meeting.



LWV of Trumbull County Calendar

2011

March	Women's History Dinner—March 29—Packard Music Hall
April 7	LWVO Statehouse Day—Columbus
April 19	Candidates Forum-Warren Mayor-Warren G Harding High School
April 25	Membership Meeting, 6 pm—TBD
May 3	May Primaries
May 13-15	LWV-Ohio Convention—Maumee Bay-Toledo
May 21	Annual Meeting; 9:30 am—Warren Women's Club

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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