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2011 Calendar

February

- 8 Lobby Lunch see note pg.4
- 10 6 p.m. Board/General meeting Sue Nichols' 6913 Milrose Toledo
- 14 LWVUS 91st birthday
- 22 Lobby Lunch
- 26 9:30 a.m. to noon.
Regional Meeting
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 871 E. Boundary, Perrysburg

March

- 8 International Women's Day
- 17 6:00 p.m. Board meeting

April

- 7 LWVO State House Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 28 LWVTLC Annual Meeting

May

- 1 Law Day
- 13-15 LWVO Convention
at Maumee Bay State Park
- 31 Memorial Day

June LWVTLC 90th Anniversary

- 16 Strategic Planning meeting
- 18-20 LWVUS Council
Washington DC

July

- 4 Independence Day

NW Ohio Regional Meeting Topic: Advocacy, Jump Starting at the Local Level

Saturday morning February 26 is the date for the upcoming regional meeting sponsored by LWVO. Again this year, leaguers from Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Tiffin and Toledo will meet at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 871 E. Boundary St. Perrysburg. LWVO State Board Vice President Jean Koznarek will talk to us about advocacy dos and don'ts, the difference between advocacy and lobbying, how to do it and why. "Leagues are very good at getting out voter education information for elections, voters guides etc, but often are less comfortable advocating" (for or against issues in their areas) said Koznark.

The meeting is also meant to be an opportunity for northwest Ohio leagues to network and learn about each other and perhaps join forces in regional activity. To RSVP contact Jean at 216-702-8430 or her email jkozlwv@aol.com. The meeting is free and from 9:30 a.m. to noon. There will be refreshments.

Convention Delegates & Volunteers Needed

LWVTLC is entitled to two delegates in addition to the President to the LWVO convention. This is a great opportunity to experience the nitty gritty of league and meet other leaguers from all over Ohio. Registration and some meals will be covered by the league.

If being a delegate does not appeal to you, you may volunteer for one or more days to do the various tasks that are necessary. There is no registration fee for volunteers. Email Jonnie Taylor. see pg.2

TRYs Are Here

The new 2011 They Represent You, a directory of public officials, is complete and online at the LWVTLC website: www.lwvtoledo.org

Paper copies are in every public library in the county and available at all league meetings or by calling the league line: 419-475-4371.

President's Letter

Hello Leaguers,

Happy Valentine Day to all. February is a month of celebrations. Leaguers you will have an opportunity to share your ideas and learn from LWVO as a regional meeting regarding advocacy will be held in our area. On February 26, Jean Koznarek, LWVO's Vice President will present Advocacy: Jump Starting at the Local Level in Perrysburg from 9:30 AM -12 Noon. Please join us for this membership development meeting.

Thanks to Sue Nichols for hosting the LWVTLC Board and membership meeting on Thursday, February 10. A consensus was done on LWVO'S AGENDA FOR ACTION FOR 2012-2014.

The Northwest Ohio Leagues and LWVO are busy working and planning the LWVO Convention to be held at Maumee Bay State Park, May 13- May 15,2011. Volunteers are needed to help with the convention. At least 5 volunteers are needed from each league. Volunteers will attend free for the day they volunteer, however you will be responsible for your own meals. When not working you may sit in on sessions. You may contact me at deidrabri@aol.com for more information or to volunteer. We look forward to your presence at the convention.

LWVUS sends out advocacy alerts and asks for us to lobby our senators and legislator in Washington. Please give this your consideration and if you would like to receive these alerts directly go to www.lwv.org and sign up to be an e-Activist.

In Pursuit of Democracy,

Jonnie Taylor

"Don't be afraid to go where you've never gone and do what you've never done, because both are necessary to have what you've never had and to be who you've never been." Mike Dooley, tut.com

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Statehouse Date Changed to April 7

The Ohio State Capitol Building

The annual meeting in Columbus that focuses on state government policy issues has been moved from April 6 to the 7th. The theme is “Civil Discourse.” This year’s keynote speaker is Fred Anderle, a retired National Public Radio host from the central Ohio area whose radio program was known for inspiring conversation. There will be workshops on healthcare, education, local advocacy tools (NW Ohio Leagues will already have had this info at our regional meeting) and juvenile justice. Legislators have been invited to attend the workshops to provide their input. There is also time during the afternoon session to meet with our legislators, if we wish LWVO will be happy to schedule appointments and also provide a member of the lobby corps to come along.

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.

A registration form, deadline March 30, is available at <http://lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/SHD%202011%20Information-Final.pdf> and enclosed in the paper version of this Voter.

LWVTLC members usually carpool and getting there is half the fun. If interested in sharing a ride call the league number: 419-475-4371.

LWVO Convention Update

The 2011 LWVO Convention is to be held on the weekend of May 13 through the 15th at the beautiful Maumee Bay State Park Lodge. The four NWO Leagues: Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Tiffin and Toledo, are hosting the proceedings. This convention’s theme is ***Sustaining Democracy through Sustainable Communities***. The theme and location on the shallowest lake in the Great Lakes fit well into LWVO’s environmental advocacy positions and interests that are global as well as national and local in scope.



Maumee Bay Lodge marina

Keynote Speakers

Family farmer, environmental activist and winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize, Lynn Henning, is to be the keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Blade environmental reporter and Olive Colton Award winner, Tom Henry, is to be the Saturday luncheon speaker. Both are known for their environmental expertise, Ms. Henning has done extensive evaluation and monitoring of CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations) in south central Michigan, calling for the enforcement of water and air quality laws; not without some risk to her own safety. Mr. Henry’s regular Blade columns do much to enlighten readers and expose environmental problems.

Things to Consider

LWVTLC is entitled to two delegates in addition to the president. Being a delegate is a great way to enjoy the convention and registration and meals will be paid for by the League. Contact Jonnie Taylor.

If you are thinking of reserving a room at the resort in order to stay close to the action all day and all night the reservation deadline is April 11. A major bird migration is expected that weekend and many birders will also be staying at the Lodge so rooms may not be easily available after the deadline. Contact person for reservations is Carol Russell 419-931-4416 LWV Perrysburg Area. See the LWVO Voter for the convention invitation, or online at <http://lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/Ohio%20Voter%20Winter%202011%20FINAL.pdf>.

90 Years and Counting

Ninety years ago Toledoan Amy Maher was the first president of the Ohio League of Women Voters. Upon her "return from Columbus in 1921 she called together at the Woman's City Club, representatives from the suffrage and other organizations and the Toledo League was born." (The Toledo League of Women Voters 1921-1940, Olive A. Colton) These women were following Cary Chapman Catt's urging that suffrage associations turn themselves into leagues of women voters as each state passed the 19th amendment. Northwest Ohio had long been a hotbed of activist women. In 1869 a group of women met in the Superior St. home of one of their members and formed the Equal Suffrage Association. Among those present were Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. These women and those that joined them afterward worked tirelessly for female suffrage. By 1915 those fighting the good fight believed that broadening their focus might bring others to their side and also help to solve some of the problems they knew existed citywide so they turned themselves into the Political Equity League. As the PEL they did not give up on suffrage but worked to educate themselves and anyone else who cared to attend their meetings, about issues of concern to the city... from the two cent increase in street car fares and the standardization of loaves of bread to the treatment of juvenile delinquents. That summer of 1921, when Amy Maher officially called for the formation of the League of Women Voters, the women of Lucas County were ready to step up, they had been practicing league principles for a long time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 26
NWO Regional
League Meeting

MAR 8 & 22
LOBBY LUNCHESES
Columbus Library
96 S. Grant Ave.

MAR 30
DEADLINE FOR
STATEHOUSE DAY
RESERVATION

APRIL 7
STATEHOUSE
DAY

LOBBY LUNCHESES

The second and fourth Tuesdays of every month LWVO volunteer lobby corps meets at the Columbus Metropolitan Library to discuss statehouse happenings. These brown bag lunch meetings are open to all and provide an insiders view. Call 877-598-6446 for more info.

International Woman's Day March 8

In the early 1900s when women workers were beginning to organize for civil, social and economic rights the idea of

celebrating women's striving for these rights as a global holiday was established. Although a National Women's Day was observed in the U.S until 1913, International Woman's Day has not been as popular here as



in other countries, especially those of the former Soviet Union. However, it is no coincidence that March is Women's History Month in the U.S. Currently

about 70 nations formally celebrate this holiday by honoring all women in a similar way that we honor mothers on Mother's Day. But also there are thousands of events held all over the world to inspire women and celebrate their achievements. In 1975 the UN began celebrating the March 8 holiday and in '77 proclaimed a UN Day for Women's Rights and International Peace recognizing the role of women in peace efforts and development and urging an end to discrimination and the increase of support for women's full and equal participation.



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Join the League!

The League of Women Voters of Toledo-Lucas County is part of a nationwide group of women and men who care about democracy. Join us and become part of a group that since 1920 has worked to keep the power of democracy in the hands of the people.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
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EMAIL: _____

Membership Levels

- ___ \$55 Olive Colton (Local, state and national memberships and all publications)
- ___ \$75 Carrie Chapman Catt (Memberships plus a \$20 contribution to general fund)
- ___ \$100 Susan B. Anthony (Memberships plus a \$45 contribution to general fund)
- ___ \$27.50 Additional household member (Local, state and national memberships)
- ___ \$30 Full-time Student (Local, state and national memberships and all publications)

Membership checks should be made payable to LWV-TLC. Any contribution above the basic \$55 membership fee will be gratefully accepted as a non tax-deductible donation to the LWV/TLC general fund for operating expenses.

Tax-deductible donations can be made with a separate check made out to LWVOH Education Fund Toledo Account.

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