



# THE VOTER

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## Town Hall/Impact Meeting

**November 29** is the date of the second **ImPact** forum hosted by the LWVTLC. This year's forum will focus on Juvenile Justice issues and hopes to be of interest to young people and their parents. As in the previous forum, the audience will hear from a panel of experts discussing issues surrounding the juvenile justice system, including a young person who has had intimate contact with it. The forum is being presented with the help of **Crystal Harris, Director of the Youth Career Development Project** at the Wayman Palmer YMCA.

The LWVO's interest in establishing a juvenile justice advocacy position dates from 1973 with restudy and revisions in 1974, 1977, 1979, 1987, 2001, 2003, and 2005.

Throughout all the study and revision the underlying philosophy of the position remained.

- 1) Children are not adults and treatment should relate to their stage of development.
- 2) Rehabilitation is the purpose of the juvenile system.
- 3) Children's legal rights should be protected.
- 4) State standards for detention and treatment facilities should be enforced.

The 2003 study resulted in recommendations at the state and county levels that would require additional study and are of interest to Leagues as points of focus and consideration when exploring any juvenile justice issues. They include a suggestion for the review of qualifications for juvenile judge; evaluation of the effectiveness of new laws on recidivism and rehabilitation; reassessment of expungement and evaluation of the impact of a juvenile record on the youth's future; review of how Ohio funds its courts; study of the issue of juvenile competency and quality of legal defense; the support for collaboration among youth-serving agencies; continuing education for all persons who work with juveniles; support for adequate funding for prevention and early intervention, gender specific, mental health, drug and sex offender treatment programs; adequate funding for county juvenile courts; and the encouragement of local Leagues to monitor their

local courts and juvenile facilities and take action when appropriate under LWVO positions.

## Proposed COSI Levy Topic of October 18 General Meeting

The **October 18** general meeting at Sanger Library, 3030 West Central Avenue, will be an opportunity to examine the proposed COSI levy which will be on the November ballot. **Lauri Hauser**, from COSI, will discuss the work of the center, its financial situation and provide a demonstration. There will be opportunity to discuss the proposed levy and whether LWVTLC should take a stand on this issue. **Please note the date correction.**



## It's not too late to become a Poll Worker

Volunteering to work at the polls is an opportunity to be involved in making democracy work and a huge contribution to the community as the ranks of poll workers have been aging and diminishing over the years. It can also be a **financial contribution to the League** as many League members who work the polls have contributed their wages for the day to the League's operating or education funds to ensure that we continue to pursue our missions of non-partisan political education.



As experienced poll workers, **Darcy Yates** and I urge you to consider being a poll worker. Young adults at least 17 years old can now be poll workers so be sure to tell your children and grandchildren!

To be a **Poll worker**, contact the Board of Elections at 419-213-4001.

- Bonnie Bishop

## Lake Erie Basin Committee Meets in Northwest Ohio on October 17

The Lake Erie Basin Committee (LEBC) will hold their Fall meeting in Toledo, and what a wonderful opportunity for our League to attend one of their meetings. Our Toledo League, along with the Leagues of Bowling Green and Perrysburg, will be hosting this interesting event on **October 17** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the **Lake Erie Research Center** (LERC), 6200 Bayshore Road, Oregon, OH. The UT Center is on the shores of Lake Erie, just west of Maumee Bay State Park and, if you haven't had a chance yet to tour the Center, you will find the display area inside the Center has interesting art as well as information displays about issues concerning Lake Erie.

The LEBC is a multi-League group of state and local Leagues that are located within the Lake Erie Basin, which includes watershed lands, rivers and streams of five states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. Thus the LEBC serves 32 Basin Leagues and its program positions serve as the basis for recommending action to the Leagues within the Basin.

Currently, there are two topics of immediate concern to the LEBC. The first topic, **CAFOs** (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations), our League discussed and took action on last year, and the topic will be addressed at 10:30 a.m. along with a second topic, **Aquatic Invasive Species** (AIS).

The Lake Erie Letter states "there are at least 185 nonnative species in the Great Lakes and new ones are being introduced at an alarming rate of about one every 28 weeks. The US Fish and Wildlife Commission estimated that losses due to invasive species are about \$5 billion per year regionally. Ships entering the Great Lakes and releasing ballast water are the major contributors of the invasion of undesirable species into our waters, although depletion of our wetlands compounds problems regarding the loss of our native species. The dead zone, part of the Central Basin of Lake Erie, is oxygen-depleted water and is now a 20x60 mile area in Lake Erie. One theory is that waste from invasive mussels is fertilizing algae and causing large algae blooms, which then decay and deplete oxygen in the water."

Come to the meeting and become informed about the important issues that concern our area! At 1:00 p.m., following a welcome by Leaguer **Dr. Carol Stepien**, Director of the Lake Erie Center, Dr. Thomas Bridgeman will speak about "New Algae invading beaches at LERC and Maumee Bay State Park." Then, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., there is a possibility of viewing the invasive algae growth at the shoreline with Leaguer **Sandy Bihn**, Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper. Hope to see you there. Reservations are not required. Lunch is usually brown bag. Attendees bring their own.

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## President's Letter

Election season is here and the League phone line is ringing. Our ambitious Voter Services committee has a full calendar and they hope League members will attend the forums scheduled in October.

The week beginning **October 21** is full, starting with the **District 5 City Council** candidates' forum co-sponsored by the League and Westgate Neighbors. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. and is to be held at the church at the corner of Markway and Secor.

The Village Administrator in Whitehouse, OH, requested our assistance in holding two forums for races in the Whitehouse area. We have not held forums in that district in the past and are pleased to do so this election season. The first is **October 23 at 7:00 p.m.** and is for the candidates for **Mayor and City Council** for the Village of Whitehouse. This will be held at the Whitehouse Village Hall, 6925 Providence Street.

The second forum will be for the candidates running for the **School Board** for **Anthony Wayne schools**. This forum is **October 25 at 7:00 p.m.** and is to be held in the Whitehouse Primary School, 6510 Texas St.

A coalition of CIVITAS, ARC, the Board of MRDD and People 1st is hosting a voter education event on **October 24** at 7:00 at Heatherdowns Library at 3265 Glanzman. Representatives from the Toledo **Zoo, COSI, TARTA, the Library** and the **Toledo Metro Parks** will speak on the levys appearing on the November ballot. A League member will discuss special voting accommodations including special paperwork required and handicap accessibility.

The Parent/Teacher Network of DeVeaux Junior High School and the League are co-sponsoring a candidates forum for those running for the **Toledo Public Schools Board of Education** on **October 25 at 7:00 p.m.** The event will be in the DeVeaux School at 2626 W. Sylvania Avenue.

We continue to strive to make Democracy work by agreeing to as many requests for speakers as possible. **Ann Payne** spoke to Church Women United on October 2 and I participated in the Women United event on September 15 by AAUW. You all know I can't end this without one more call for volunteers to help with the many requests we receive for League involvement. Contact me at 419-474-5030 or at [bonnieb@accesstoledo.com](mailto:bonnieb@accesstoledo.com) if you wish to make a difference.

Peg has retired and is traveling abroad so let's all wish her a safe return.

- Bonnie Bishop

## Save the Date! Updated Calendar



October 8: Board Meeting  
West Toledo Library, Sylvania Avenue, 7:00 p.m.

October 17: Lake Erie Basin Committee  
UT Lake Erie Center, 6200 Bayshore Road, Oregon  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

October 18: General Meeting (date correction)  
Topic: COSI Levy, Sanger Library, 7:00 p.m.

October 21: City Council District 5 Candidate Forum with  
Westgate Neighbors, American Korean Presbyterian  
Church, 3225 Markway at Secor Road near Westgate,  
7:00 p.m. (date correction)

October 23: Candidates' Forum, Whitehouse, OH, Village  
Hall, Candidates for Mayor and City Council, 7:00 p.m.

October 24: Candidates Forum and explanation of issues  
appearing on November ballot. Heatherdowns Library on  
Glansman Road. Sponsored by CIVITAS, People First,  
Board of MRDD and ARC, 6:30 p.m.

October 25: Candidates' Forum in Whitehouse, OH, for  
Anthony Wayne School Board of Education at  
Whitehouse Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

November 15: General Meeting – Cancelled

November 19: Board Meeting  
Reynolds Corners Library on Dorr St., 7:00 p.m.

Nov 29 Town: Hall/Impact meeting.

December 4: Tri-League Luncheon hosted by Perrysburg  
LWV at Carranor Club, 11:30 a.m.

December 10: Board Meeting, Reynolds Corner Library  
on Dorr Street, 7:00 p.m.

December 14: Naturalization Ceremony and Reception  
for new citizens McMaster Center Main Library downtown,  
11:00 a.m.

January 11 Holiday Party with political meeting & greeting

January 24 General Meeting preceded by Board Mtg.

February 11 Board Meeting

February 21 LWVUS Program Planning Meeting

March 17 Board Meeting

March 27 General Mtg: Know Your Ohio Government

April 14 Board Meeting

April 24 Signature Event

May 12 Board Meeting

May 22 Annual Meeting

June 13-17 LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR

June 19 Joint Board Meeting

## ASK OLIVE

*Dear Olive,*

*We don't subscribe to the local paper. How can we learn about the upcoming COSI Levy?*

*-Stumped from the Old West End*

*Dear Stumped,*

*My mentor and namesake, Olive Colton, would recommend a subscription to the Toledo NewsBee, just to keep informed. However I recommend that you attend the League's general meeting on October 18 at 7:00 pm in Sanger Library. There will be lots of info and discussion about the COSI Levy, you could learn a lot. Just tell them that "Olive sent you."*

*You can send your questions to **Ask Olive** by mailing them to P.O. Box 2506, Toledo, OH 43606 or e-mailing them to [info@lwvtoledo.org](mailto:info@lwvtoledo.org).*

*Olive Colton is a founding mother of the Toledo League of Women Voters now known as the League of Women Voters Toledo Lucas County.*

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