



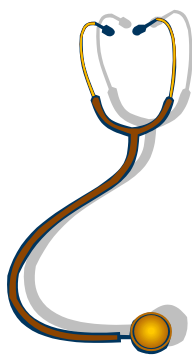
# THE VOTER

The monthly publication of the Toledo-Lucas County League of Women Voters

October 2008

## CareNet Funding Issue on City Council Agenda

At the October 23 City Council meeting CareNet is making its annual request for funding from the City of Toledo. Members of the League board will be there supporting this worthwhile cause and ask that any and all members come downtown to council chambers to join in this show of support.



CareNet is a nonprofit organization that enables access to healthcare for low-income individuals who are not eligible for public and private healthcare coverage. It is funded by its founding partners: the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Mercy Health Partners, ProMedica Health System. It functions through contributions of care and services from area physicians, labs, local hospitals and TARTA. It is an example of ongoing help to members of our community who do not have the resources to pay for health care and so

go without or delay necessary treatment. It is a quiet, unassuming, vastly important program that is filling the healthcare gap in Toledo and Lucas County.

In 2007 the League formally included the following health care item to our program:

“Encourage the City of Toledo and Lucas County to continue financial support to a program such as CareNet that provides healthcare services to low-income residents of Lucas County who do not have health insurance and do not qualify for governmental healthcare programs. Support local cooperation and coordination among governmental agencies and medical providers to expand the program for the uninsured and under insured.”

Approval of the funding request is not automatic and this year there is concern that it may not pass. Please join us at one Government Center, at 1:00 p.m. on October 23 in the Council Chambers to support this necessary program. Wear your league pins if you have them.

## New Member Orientation Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the New Member Orientation meeting to be held Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at the Washington Branch of the Public Library. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 5560 Harvest Lane, Toledo 43623.

We will learn about our history, the uniqueness of our organization, along with our current involvement in the community. We will also hear about some of the upcoming ballot issues. Refreshments will be served.

This is a perfect time to bring prospective members!!

Also you may turn in your dues at this time to Darcy Yates, membership chair.

Since we are preparing materials for this night, it would be helpful to let us hear from you. Please email or call your plan to attend to Darcy at [darcyjyates@bex.net](mailto:darcyjyates@bex.net) or (419) 885-1257.

### League on WGTE-TV

Watch for the League PSA on channel 30 from now until Election Day urging people to be informed voters. Also tune in to see local candidates highlight their positions in short segments just after the News Hour with Jim Lehrer. They are introduced by Darcy Yates for LWVTL and WGTE-TV.

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*The following letter was sent to The Blade in August. However, The Blade did not print it as of this Voter deadline (9-29-08).*

August, 2008

To the Editor of *The Blade*,

The League of Women Voters believes that there must be immediate and aggressive action to reduce climate change. Coal is the single largest source of global warming pollution in the U.S., with power plants responsible for 33 percent of carbon dioxide emissions.

In our own region, an example of what we don't need more of is the pollution that the proposed Toledo Coke Plant would produce because we have three coal fired electric plants in our area: Bay Shore, Whiting Consumer and Detroit Edison.

Burning more coal is too big a risk for too many people. Because of pollution from it, most scientists think we face increasingly severe heat waves and droughts, intensifying hurricanes and floods, disappearing glaciers and more wildfires. If left unchecked, the effects could be catastrophic for our country and our planet.

Today, there is no environmentally sound use of coal. Many hope that carbon dioxide can be captured and stored underground but this technology has never been demonstrated on a commercial scale.

Instead of coal, we must look to clean energy alternatives. Many states are making great strides in energy conservation and efficiency. California has been able to keep per capita energy consumption essentially constant for three decades while enjoying a growing economy. Wind and solar power are also ready to make large contributions to economic growth.

The League carefully examined many facets of our energy policy before taking its stand. It is time to stop building more polluting coal-fired plants. We must protect future generations and ourselves against the pollution that is contaminating our world.

Sincerely,

Lois Bigelow and Mary Clark, Presidents, LWV Perrysburg Area

Kristen Vessey, President, LWV of Bowling Green

Peg Hull Smith and Rosemary Alloy, Co-Presidents, LWV/Toledo Lucas County

**The League of Women Voters®  
Toledo-Lucas County**

Annual Report  
2007-2008

The League of Women Voters/TLC participated in settlement talks regarding the lawsuit jointly filed in 2005 by LWVO and LWV/TLC. Also participated in working groups developing a document of best election practices as part of the settlement.

Assisted in hosting the Lake Erie Basin Committee of the LWVUS on October 17, 2007, at the Lake Erie Center of the University of Toledo.

Joined in a partnership with the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo, The Toledo Chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and the Youth Opportunities Program to host a public forum on "Teens and Violence" on November 29, 2007.

Contacted all Toledo City Council members and Mayor Finkbeiner urging them and the City of Toledo to fund CareNet for 2008. Attended two City Council Meetings and saw CareNet funded for 2008.

Presented awards to seven local citizens who made significant contributions to important Juvenile Justice issues. Awards presented at our 3rd annual Signature Event.

**The LWV/TLC Education Fund**

Jointly sponsored Forum with Westgate Neighbors Association for City Council District #5 candidates. Co-sponsored a candidates' forum for Toledo Public Schools Board of Education candidates with DeVeaux Junior High School students, parents group and principal.

Hosted a special Holiday Naturalization Service on December 14, 2007, at the Lucas County Public Library.

Attended every Naturalization Ceremony in our District and provided all new citizens with a New Citizen's Guide.

Wrote letters encouraging the principals of all Lucas County high schools (including charter and parochial schools) to promote their high school students to work as poll workers for the 2007 general election.

Held candidates' forums in Whitehouse Ohio at request of city manager for City council and Mayoral candidates. Also held a forum for Anthony Wayne school board candidates.

TRYS - They Represent You. Printed and distributed 2000 copies.

Provided speakers at two events before 2007 general election.

**Financial Statement**  
**League of Women Voters/Toledo-Lucas County\***  
**2007-2008**

**Statement of Activities**

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Membership	\$1,975.00	State/National Dues	\$1,205.75
Fundraising	\$2,715.00	Program Services	\$1,603.50
Investment	270.32	Fundraising	\$2,431.64
Income			
Other	456.00	Voter	\$237.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5416.32</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,478.12</b>

**Statement of Financial Position - June 30, 2008**

<b>Assets 6/30/08</b>		<b>Liabilities/Net Assets</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Checking	\$2,099.70	Net Assets 6/30/07	\$16,799.09
5/3 Savings	\$3,825.33	Additions to funds	\$5,416.32
Investments	\$10,812.26	Expenses above	(\$5,478.12)
		Net Assets 6/30/08	\$16,737.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,737.29</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,737.29</b>

**Ohio Education Fund**

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Community Shares	\$3,295.17	Program Services	\$549.69
Other	\$356.25	Publications (TRYs)	\$2,132.63
		State/National dues	\$761.50
		Other	\$1,095.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,651.42</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,990.11</b>

**Statement of Financial Position - June 30, 2008**

<b>Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities/Net Assets</b>	
Ed Fund Reserve 6/30/08	\$5,904.23	Net Assets 6/30/07	\$6,242.92
		Additions to fund	\$3,651.42
		Expenses above	(\$3,990.11)
		Net Assets 6/30/08	\$5,904.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,904.23</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,904.23</b>

\* The League is funded by a combination of membership dues, donations, special events, and endowment income.

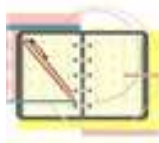
**Observer Corps Update**

The close of election season means that the hard work of monitoring our public and elected officials' activities begins. This is the work of the Observer Corps. By attending committee, board, and other meetings, we can monitor what's going on and inform ourselves and the public through our web site and publications about these happenings.

Observer Corps information/ orientation meetings will be held on two separate days and times to accommodate members varied schedules; November 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Cafe Marie on Secor Road and November 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Sanger Library on West Central, near Westgate. Please choose one of these meetings to come and learn about and sign up for the Observer Corps.

Please contact **Rosemary Alloy** if you have any questions about League Observer Corps. Rosemary's phone is 419-578-0712 or e-mail alloy7@aol.com.

## Save the Date! 2008-2009 Calendar



October 14 - Voter Deadline

October 14, 1:00 p.m.  
League Speaker for service organization  
3324 Darlington, Darcy Yates

Oct 20, 7:00 p.m.  
League Info table for Junior League meeting at  
Franciscan Center, Lourdes College

Oct 23, 1:00 p.m.  
CareNet presentation Toledo City Council

October 29, 6:30 p.m.  
Member Orientation, Washington Branch Library,  
5560 Harvest Lane, Toledo 43623

November 4 - Election Day

November 6, 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
7632 Shadywood, Darcy Yates' home

November 10, 11:30 a.m.  
Observer Corps Orientation Meeting,  
Cafe Marie, 3344 Secor Rd.

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Observer Corps Orientation Meeting.  
Sanger Library, 3030 W. Central Avenue

November 17 - Voter Deadline

December 9, 11:30 a.m.  
Holiday Luncheon, Carranor Polo Club, 502 E. 2nd  
St. Perrysburg sponsored by the Perrysburg LWV

December 15 - Bill of Rights Day  
January 7 - Voter Deadline  
January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26, 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting and Program Planning, location tba

February 4 - Voter Deadline  
February 14 - League Birthday  
February 16 - Presidents' Day

February 26, 5:30 p.m.  
General Meeting Consensus on LWVO tax position

March 5 - Voter Deadline  
March 8 - International Women's Day  
March 17-21 - Sunshine Week

March 21, 10:30 a.m.  
Board Meeting - location to be announced

March 30 - Reception for Public Officials  
April 3 - Voter Deadline  
April 7 - World Health Day  
April 15 - Tax Deadline  
April 22 - Earth Day

April 23, 6:00 p.m.  
Signature Event

May 1-3  
LWVO Convention, Crown Plaza, Dublin OH

May 28, 6:00 p.m. – LWV-TLC Annual Meeting  
June 9 - Voter Deadline

June 30, 4:00-9:00 p.m.  
Joint Board Meeting

**All league meetings are open to all members.  
Please come and bring a guest.**

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## LWV Classifieds:

- Members needed to work on Issues Guide. Call Bonnie Bishop immediately. (419) 474-5030.
- Members needed for Observer Corps. Call Rosemary Alloy (419) 578-0712.
- Members needed to speak to businesses or clubs about the League/Community Shares Campaign. Call Peg Smith (419) 841-6988.
- Members needed to help raise operating funds for League by working the polls and donating earnings to the League. (It is better than selling cookies.)
- Sign up for training. Call the Lucas County Board of Elections (419) 213-4001.
- Questions on how to donate to League, call Bonnie Bishop (419) 474-5030 or Darcy Yates (419) 885-1257.

## President's Letter



As you no doubt are aware, this is such an exciting time for the League. Bonnie Bishop, as chair of our Voters Services Committee, has made wonderful progress in getting local schools to support poll-working for 17 year olds and we are hoping that this year all of you will see these high school students helping at your polling location. Also, we initiated a local partnership with "Vote18" by helping launch their "Vote18: Road Trip USA," a nationwide tour showcasing a powerful interactive voting game to 18-year-olds at Bowsher High School. Vote18 wants to inspire students to take part in politics, and is engaged in registering as many 18-year-old students as possible in time for them to participate in their first election this fall. As October begins, members of our League are also engaged in registering voters, speaking before groups about the League and Voting, and manning voting information tables. Please do your part in helping in our endeavors. Our National League is challenging Americans to think of five people they know who may not be registered. Step up and help them to register, and then remind them to vote!

I think that all of us can be proud to see that the work our local League has done over the past 3 years with our State League is paying off. Recent directives from the Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner are consistent with LWVO and LWV/TLC recommendations. Specifically, Secretary Brunner has issued a directive stating that a returned registration notification alone is not sufficient to warrant a challenge of an elector. Also, Brunner has stated that voters may register and vote on the same day during a five-day overlap when absentee ballots must be made available to voters and the close of voter registration

Make sure you visit our website for questions about voting and to get information about State and local issues. Terry Mills is updating the site often so you can use it as a source for election information. Stay tuned: Another issue of the Voter will be out right before Election Day.

- Peg Smith

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### **New Feature of LWVTLC Website**

The LWVTLC phone rings off the hook every election season. People want to know and call us to find out. Bonnie Bishop has put together a frequently asked questions section that Terry Mills will post on our website. Here is a sample.

#### **Questions and Answers on the Election**

##### ***How do I get an absentee ballot?***

The Board of Elections sent an absentee ballot application to every registered voter in Lucas County. If you didn't receive one you should contact the BOE at 419-213-4001 to see if yours was returned. You can go to the BOE website and download an application for an absentee ballot.

##### ***What should I do if I think it's too late to get an absentee ballot by mail and I'll be gone Election Day?***

See below. You can vote early at the EMS Training Center.

##### ***Can I vote early at the Board of Elections?***

You can go to the EMS Training Center at 2127 Jefferson beginning September 30 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for in person absentee voting. Check the BOE website for additional times at [www.lucascountyvotes.org](http://www.lucascountyvotes.org). There will not be in person absentee ballot voting at the Board of Elections for this general election.

***What is the phone number for the Republican Party?*** 419-482-0506

***What is the phone for the Democratic Party?*** 419-246-9301

##### ***How do I know if I am still registered? I haven't voted for a few years.***

If you didn't receive an absentee ballot application you may need to re-register. You can call the BOE at 419-213-4001. If you are unable to reach them go to [www.lwvtoledo.org](http://www.lwvtoledo.org) and click on the link to the Secretary of State, or go to [www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS), click on "Are you registered to Vote" to find out if you are registered.



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## **Friendly Reminder**

Time to send in your dues.

Can't remember if you have paid or not? Give Darcy Yates, Membership Chair, a call (419) 885-1257.

Individual: \$55

Household: \$80

Student: \$30

Please make check payable to LWVTLC and mail to LWVTLC, PO Box 2506, Toledo, OH 43606-2506.

Many thanks to those who have already sent your checks!