



THE VOTER

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

LWV of Toledo-Lucas County First Annual Signature Event to Honor Jack Ford and CareNet

A luncheon to honor **Toledo-Lucas County CareNet, its providers,** and former Mayor **Jack Ford** for his leadership in the formation of this unique organization is being held at 12:00 noon, **Saturday, May 6,** at the **Zenobia Shriner Center,** 1511 Madison Avenue in downtown Toledo.



CareNet provides care services to low-income uninsured Lucas County residents.

Our keynote speaker is **Bill Hayes,**

executive director of the **Health Policy Institute of Ohio.**

Dr. Hayes, has nearly 20 years of experience in policymaking, research, and teaching about health care issues. His talk will address the issue of the 45 million Americans who do not have health insurance.

Be sure to attend this important League event. Additional registration forms are available on our website (www.lwvtoledo.org).



Domestic Violence: What's the Cause? What's the Cure?

Domestic violence differs from other forms of violence because it occurs within an ongoing relationship; one that is expected to be productive, supportive, and nurturing. (*American Psychological Assoc.*). It is statistically consistent across racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic boundaries (*U.S. Dept. of Justice, 2000*).

Domestic violence is the topic of our next general meeting on **Thursday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.,** at the Sanger Library.

Sponsored jointly by the **League of Women Voters** and **L'aime Inc.,** a panel discussion will be moderated

by **Gabrielle Davis** from the University of Toledo College of Law Domestic Violence Clinic. **Ohio** Senator Teresa Fedor and representatives from the Toledo Police Domestic Violence Unit, Children Services Board, the Battered Women's Shelter, and two victims of domestic violence will discuss the indicators of those who become violent, those who find themselves caught in the situation, how to escape the violence, and role of community groups and law enforcement.

Sanger Public Library is located at 3030 West Central Avenue, Toledo.

Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

Annual Meeting May 25 Includes Membership Drive

LWV-TLC's Annual Meeting will be held this year at the **Washington Branch** of the Lucas Co. Public Library (5560 Harvest Lane, Toledo) 6:00 p.m.



Since the Annual Meeting reports all of our accomplishments of the year and our goals for the future, it was decided to share it with potential members.

Everyone is encouraged to bring at least one guest. There will be a "little" LWV token for everyone who brings a guest. There will be a "little bigger" token for the one bringing the most guests.

Proposed Slate of 2006-2007 Officers and Directors	
Co- President: Peg Smith	2006-2008
Co- President: Bonnie Bishop	2006-2008
Treasurer: Sue Nichols	2006-2008
1st Vice President: Ann Payne	2006-2008
<u>Board of Directors:</u>	
Meg Murphy	2006-2008
Sharon Friedman	2006-2008
Nina Sabrack	2006-2008
Nancy Watts	2006-2008

The evening will begin with coffee and dessert from 6:00-6:30 with the meeting starting promptly at 6:30. Guests will have special name tags, so be sure to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcomed.

Cost of attendance: **FREE**

What to bring:
at least one guest

Dues opportunity: Annual Dues for 2006-2007 of \$50 individual, \$75 household, \$25 student - can be given to the Treasurer at this meeting.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 25, 6:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, call Meg Murphy (419) 335-8047 or Darcy Yates (419) 885-1257.

THANK YOU to . . .

Carl Bruno for his generous donation to assist in the printing of "They Represent You."

Welcome New LWV Members

Sandy Bihn
Lucia Cooper
Judith Kuebeler



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY

Proposed PROGRAM FOR ADVOCACY 2006-2007

ELECTION REFORM

Support election reform that guarantees no citizen is disenfranchised.

Support reforms to ensure that the Board of Elections exhibits responsible management of elections, including adequate and continuous training of poll workers, fair and equitable distribution of the population among polling places and precincts and voting machines within precincts, as well as thorough and accurate counting of votes.

COMMUNITY STUDIES

Study the structure and functions of governmental units in Lucas County.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support adequate, fair and equitable funding for local government programs and services.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Support organizational, financial and technical methods of preventing environmental pollution.

Support cooperation and coordination among governmental agencies and the private sectors involved with water management, air quality, toxic waste issues and land use that include the principles of smart growth and citizen participation in land development decisions plus other services not pertaining directly to the environment, such as economic development.

Encourage personal responsibility toward environmental conservation.

EDUCATION

Support the best utilization of human and physical resources to provide a high quality system of publicly supported educational institutions in the county.

Support efforts to ensure that all schools are accessible, responsive and accountable for student performance; that they exhibit responsible management; that they are accountable to citizens through locally elected officers and they comply with the same laws, rules, standards and policies.

2006-07 Budget Proposal

	2005-2006	2006-2007	
OPERATING INCOME	Budget	Proposal	Comments
Dues	3,000.00	2,850.00	
Member Contributions	450.00	300.00	
Non-member Contributions	100.00	100.00	
In Kind Contributions	100.00	0.00	
Annual/General Meetings	100.00	0.00	Annual Meeting tradition has changed
Fund Raisers	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Interest	12.00	12.00	
National Rebate	25.00	25.00	
From Reserves	1,838.00	1,596.50	
Total Operating Income	7,625.00	5,883.50	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Gen. Supplies/Copies	150.00	100.00	
Postage--Board/Officers	150.00	100.00	
PO Box Rental	100.00	80.00	
Telephone	300.00	300.00	
Fund Raising	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Membership	250.00	100.00	
Public Relations	100.00	200.00	
National Convention	400.00	0.00	
State Convention/Confer.	200.00	400.00	
Meetings/Receptions	500.00	500.00	Includes reception for public officials
LWVO PMP	1,320.00	940.50	We can pay 25% with Ed Fund money
LWVUS PMP	1,380.00	1,368.00	LWVUS PMP will probably increase
Voter	650.00	620.00	
Publications	25.00	100.00	
Program	100.00	75.00	
Total Operating Expenses	7,625.00	5,883.50	
EDUCATION FUND INCOME			
Member Contribution	200.00	200.00	
Non-member Contributions	2,500.00	800.00	5th-3rd has cut way back on sponsoring TRYS
Fund Raising	4,000.00	3,000.00	
From Reserves		1,583.50	
Total Ed Fund Income	6,700.00	5,213.50	
EDUCATION FUND EXPENSES			
TRY/New Citizens' Guide	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Voter Education	2,500.00	2,000.00	
Fund Raising Expenses	400.00	400.00	community shares dues/assessments
25% LWVO PMP		313.50	
Total Ed Fund Expenses	6,700.00	5,213.50	

Happy Spring! 

While fall is our season for voter services, spring is our season for events. We urge all of you to mark your calendars and make it a priority to attend our first **Signature Event, May 6**, our **Annual Meeting, May 25**, and the **reception for public officials, June 16**.

For many years we combined our annual meeting with a festive dinner featuring a speaker and often honoring an organization or individual with the **Olive Colton Award**. The award is given to recognize those who have exemplified the League of Women Voters' mission of encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government or who have worked to forward a League policy position. Olive Colton was an early active LWVTLC member.

This year we present the Olive Colton awards at our first *Signature Event*. We are honoring **CareNet** for providing health care to Toledo's uninsured and former Mayor **Jack Ford** for his leadership in the formation of CareNet. The event is being held during *Cover the Uninsured Week*. The speaker at the event will be Bill Hayes, executive director of the Health Policy Institute of the State of Ohio. The event will be held at the Zenobia Shrine.

By separating the Annual Meeting from our annual festive event, we will have more time to hear committee reports and consider our League's direction and priorities. The meeting will be at the **Washington Library**. Refreshments will be served.

Our second annual reception for public officials will again be held in the beautiful **One Maritime Plaza's Melvin Pelfrey Lobby**. It is a great opportunity to meet our public officials and lobby for our policy positions.

Speaking of lobbying, one of our responsibilities as League members is to work to affect change by speaking out about our positions. We urge you to respond to national and state Action Alerts. You can receive the alerts automatically by signing up at the newly redesigned national and state websites. (www.lwv.org and www.lwvohio.org.)

Both websites have been greatly improved and you can learn so much about what the League of Women Voters is doing and what our national and state dues and phonathon contributions are providing.

And speaking of websites, you now can find board meeting minutes and financial reports in the member section of our local website (www.lwvtoledo.org). The password is **grassroot**. The *Voter* is also posted on our website.

Hope to see you at our next general meeting **April 27** at **Sanger Library**. The program will feature a panel discussion with six experts in the area of domestic violence who will represent victims of abuse as well as the agencies that deal with abuse.

~ Sue Nichols and Peg Smith

Save the Date!

Thurs., April 27, 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting
Sanger Library
Panel: Domestic Violence

Tues., May 2
Primary Election

May 5-6 State Council
May 5–Presidents' Meeting
Columbus

Sat., May 6, 12:00 Noon
The LWV-TLC Signature Event
Honoring Jack Ford
and CareNet
Zenobia Shrine Center
1511 Madison Avenue, Toledo

Mon., May 15
Board Meeting
Location TBA

Thurs., May 25, 6:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting
Washington Library
5560 Harvest Lane, Toledo
Invite a Guest!

June 9-13
National Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Fri., June 16
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Reception of Public Officials

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Our Environment

Sources of information on programs regarding clean water and the Great Lakes

- Maumee RAP (www.maumeerap.org)
- National Wildlife Federation of the Great Lakes Natural Resource Center (www.nwf.org/greatlakes)
- Ohio Environmental Council (www.theoec.org)
- Great Lakes United (www.glu.org)
- Maumee River Basis Partnership of Local Governments (www.mrbplg.org)