



# THE VOTER

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.**  
Membership Committee Meeting

**Thursday, February 2, 12:00 Noon**  
June Reception Committee Meeting  
LaGrange Library

**Monday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.**  
Board Meeting

**February 14 - League's 86th Birthday!**

**Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:00 p.m.**  
General Meeting  
The Grape Leaf Diner  
(across from the Holland Library)  
National and Local Program Meeting

**Saturday, March 12, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Phonathon**  
(At the home of Sue Nichols: 6913  
Milrose, Toledo. Call Sue for directions.)

**Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.**  
Board Meeting

**Sat., March 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**  
**Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m.**  
General Meeting  
(Joint meeting with LWV of Perrysburg)  
Panel: CAFO's and Watershed Issues  
W.W. Knight Preserve, River Road

**Friday, April 14**  
State House Day

**Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.**  
Board Meeting

**Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.**  
General Meeting / Location TBD  
Panel Discussion: Domestic Violence

**Tuesday, May 2** -Primary Election  
**Thursday, May 25** - Annual Meeting  
**June 9-13** - National Convention

## *They Represent You, A Directory of Public Officials Is Now Available*



The **2006 They Represent You, A Directory of Public Officials** has been posted on our website, [www.lwvtoledo.org](http://www.lwvtoledo.org). The printed version should be ready for distribution the last week of January. New this year is contact information for the Lucas County political parties.

Bonnie Bishop is heading up the TRY Distribution Committee. Please call her at 419-474-5030 if you can spend a few hours having fun helping with distribution.

**Fifth Third Bank** is again supporting the printing of the Directory, along with contributions from **Community Shares** through The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund. We thank them for their continued support.



## **The LWVT-LC Supports The Catharine S. Eberly Center**

The Eberly Center has recently announced the construction of the **Legacy Courtyard** to create a beautiful space beside Tucker Hall. This courtyard will honor those who have helped make the **Project Succeed Program** an ongoing success for the past, present and future generations.

The Board has voted to support this effort and purchase a brick to help raise \$1 million to bring the Project Succeed/Women in Transition Program.

**Catharine S. Eberly** was a former President of The LWV of Toledo-Lucas County who died tragically in an automobile accident.

In 1980, The Center for Women at the University of Toledo was renamed in honor of Catharine, who helped to establish the Center and who served as a Trustee of the University of Toledo from 1974-79.



## Lake Erie Basin Committee

All Leaguers are invited to participate in the LWV **Lake Erie Basin Committee** (LEBC), which was founded in 1963 with guidance from LWVUS. LEBC is a multi-League group of the state and local Leagues located within the 20,900-square mile basin/watershed (approx.) of Lake Erie (U.S.), comprising a total of 29 Leagues from the Basin states of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. LEBC meets three times each year. The next LEBC meeting will be Wed., **April 19, 2006, 10:00 a.m.** to 2:00 p.m. at Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve, 2514 Cleveland Road E., Huron, Ohio.

The December 2005 *Lake Erie Letter* entitled "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations: CAFOs" is one of a series of brief summaries on important Lake Erie issues published by LEBC to keep League members and the public informed. This *Lake Erie Letter* describes the emergence of CAFOs in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio and the challenges associated with the practice of confining large numbers of animals (more than 700 dairy cows or 2,500 swine), including critical issues of manure management, permitting/regulatory processes, subsidies, and impacts on air and water quality. Groups calling for temporary moratorium on permits

for new CAFOs include the American Public Health Association, the Canadian Medical Association, the Michigan State Medical Society, and some local governments and non-profits, including the LWV of Ohio, LWV of Bowling Green, and LWV of the Perrysburg Area.

For more information about this *Lake Erie Letter* and the Lake Erie Basin Committee, please contact your League president or natural resources chair, or the LEBC Interim Coordinator, Edith Chase, LWV Kent (OH) 330-673-1193.

### MEMBERS -

Look for THE NEW "**MEMBERS**" SECTION of OUR LEAGUE'S WEBSITE WHERE YOU WILL FIND . . .

- MINUTES OF THE RECENT BOARD MEETINGS
- UPDATED COMMITTEE INFORMATION
- OTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT TO MEMBERS

PLEASE CALL THE LEAGUE'S PHONE FOR THE MEMBER'S SECTION PASSWORD.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE WEBSITE WILL LIST VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES SO YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT AND DECIDE WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE ACTIVE.



*The LWVTLC is a member of Northwest Ohio Community Shares. The Martin Luther King Center Kitchen was spotlighted in this article appearing in its Fall 2005 newsletter.*

## Martin Luther King Center Kitchen for the Poor— Serves 1000 Meals Weekly

He wanted to wipe out hunger. He wanted people never to go to bed hungry." Harvey Savage, Jr. recalls his father's vision when Harvey Savage, Sr. founded the Martin Luther King Center Kitchen for the Poor in 1969. Today, the kitchen at 650 Vance St., Toledo, serves a nutritious midday meal to more than 200 people a day, five days a week. The organization is essential to unemployed individuals and families, and the working poor, according to Harvey Savage, Jr., board president of the Kitchen for the Poor. "We really serve people in all types of circumstances," Savage said. "Many people with low incomes have run out of money for food by the end of the month." The MLK Center Kitchen for the Poor also prepares food baskets for individuals and families. Referrals arrive daily from the Toledo Police and Lucas County Job and Family Services. Working with other local non-profit agencies, the MLK Center Kitchen for the Poor coordinates donations of furniture and clothing. Whatever their needs, the Center does its best to help its clientele. Harvey Savage, Sr. would be proud that the Center is still serving those in need, 36 years later. To donate to the Center, please call 419.241.2596.

## Presidents' Letter

- Sue Nichols and Peg Hull Smith



### Happy New Year!

We hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season.

At the Holiday Dinner that was canceled because of a snowstorm, we were going to review the accomplishments of the year and acknowledge those who made them possible. But it's never too late, so here goes:

We had a record turnout for a **candidates' forum** in the August. More than 250 attended the mayoral primary forum, sponsored jointly with the Urban League's Young Professionals. Doing yeomen service were **Stephanie Kaiser** and **Bonnie Bishop**. We sponsored forums before the November general election—one for the 6th District Court of Appeals judicial race, the Toledo City Council race, and both the Toledo and Sylvania school board races.

**One of our newer members, the enthusiastic** Yvette Thompson, is finding opportunity after opportunity to speak about the League to other organizations. Yvette is also working hard to help Community Shares increase workplace access by getting Daimler Chrysler on board.

**Ann Payne**, along with **Yvette Thompson**, spoke to the UAW Retirees luncheon about the League of Women Voters and answered questions about governmental issues. Ann, along with **Nina Sabrack**, spoke to the Church Women United about the candidates and the issues before the general election. They distributed information which **Ann** and **Sue Nichols** prepared explaining the state ballot issues and describing the local issues. Copies were also provided to all library branches. Sue also did the TRY.

One of our hardest workers, **Diane Mieczkowski**, did a great job representing League at **Naturalization Ceremonies** throughout the year, providing new citizens with valuable voter education material and an opportunity to register to vote.

And we can't forget our hostess with the mostest, **Darcy Yates**, who did a great job planning our cancelled holiday party. We also want to acknowledge Darcy for working a full day at the polls and contributing her pay to the League.

We also need to express our appreciation for board members who carried out their duties so well: **Terry Mills** who did an outstanding job of keeping our books and is now serving as webmaster and Voter editor; Mary Karazim who writes and distributes wonderfully complete minutes of board meetings; **Nina Sabrack**, our resident photographer, who enlivened the looks of the Voter with her pictures and is now serving on the state board; **Meg Murphy**, who has mastered national's electronic data base and is keeping our membership information up-to-date; **Sharon Friedman**, who has done an outstanding job engaging speakers for our general meetings and making arrangements for meeting places. We thank **Phyllis Barnes** for her support on so many projects and **Margaret Kaya** for stepping in and mastering the details of serving as treasurer.

We also acknowledge the help and good will of **Joan Searles** and her husband, **Bill**, for so graciously helping with deliveries of the TRYs and responding to every request for help with projects.

Finally, the greatest kudos of all go to **Bonnie Bishop** for the untold hours she spent gathering, copying and mailing documentation for our most exciting project of the year: the lawsuit against the offices of the secretary of state and governor over election irregularities. Bonnie's passion for election reform has never been more evident. But that's not all, besides serving as president, Bonnie masterminded and, with her crew, executed a lovely reception in honor of public officials and contributors at One Maritime Plaza in June. It was an elegant affair. Bonnie, we thank you for all that you do for the League of Women Voters of Toledo-Lucas County.

We can all be proud of our 2005 accomplishments.

~ Sue and Peg



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### **THE LWV Toledo-LUCAS COUNTY HAS FORMED THREE NEW COMMITTEES:**

- MEMBERSHIP / MEETING SCHEDULED JANUARY 31
- "SIGNATURE EVENT" / MEETING DATE TBD,  
YVETTE THOMPSON, COMMITTEE CHAIR
- JUNE RECEPTION FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS / MEETING  
SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 2, 12:00 NOON, LAGRANGE  
LIBRARY - DIANE MIECZKOWSKI, COMMITTEE CHAIR

### **Why Not Put Your Talents to Work!**

CALL BONNIE BISHOP OR THE COMMITTEE CHAIR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

The League of Women Voters of  
Toledo-Lucas County  
is a member of  
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### **Congratulations to . . .**

**Laura and Mark Berling** on the birth of their  
son.

### **Thank You to . . .**

**Louise Bankey** for her recent donation to  
The LWV.

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