



# THE VOTER

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

## LWV of Toledo-Lucas County Spreads the Word about New ID Requirements

Last month **Shaun Tucker** the Ohio State Coordinator for **African American Outreach of People For the American Way** spoke at the LWVTLC general meeting about the mandates and expected effects of the implementation of HB#3 at the November election. Like the League, People for the American Way is promoting an all out campaign to educate citizens about the new law so that everyone who wants to will have the opportunity to vote in this upcoming election and not be turned away for lack of proper proof of identification.



Mr. Tucker provided League members with flow charts detailing what identification was acceptable and what the voter should expect to happen in each case as well as an interesting talk about the machinations behind HB#3. LWVO and its partners, **Common Cause**, **COHHIO** and **Ohio Votes**, also developed an info sheet about voter ID which has been available at every LWVTLC meeting and speaking engagement since it was created. To see and or download this "Be Sure

Your Vote Counts" flyer go to LWVO web page: [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org).

This election season LWVTLC has been spreading the word about the issues on the ballot and the new ID requirements. Leaguers have shared this information with Church Women United, at the October 8 forum for council and county offices, the ARC forum for state representatives and county commissioner, Local 1435 Retirees Luncheon, at CBTU meetings, UAW Community Action Program (CAP) Candidates Night, at a candidates luncheon and the list goes on. Thank you to **Bonnie Bishop**, **Nina Sabrack**, **Yvette Thompson**, **Terry Mills**, **Ann Fabiszak Payne** for helping with this effort .

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification that shows the voter's name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than notification from the Board of Elections that shows the voter's name and current address.

## Community Shares Share a Meal



Join **Community Shares** on Monday, November 13, for a special evening to raise funds for dozens of local non-profits working to address hunger, homelessness, services for the disabled, animal welfare, the environment, and other community needs. All you need to do is spend an enjoyable evening with family, friends, and great food at **Gianno's**, **The Ground Round**, **The Mango Tree** or **Manhattan's**. In return, the restaurant will donate a portion of the proceeds to support the valuable work of charities serving our community. Just cut out the coupon on Page 2 (and make copies for your friends), and bring it to the restaurant. **Mark your calendar!**

## Speaker Spotlight

Mr. Tucker is a native Toledoan and graduate of Bowsher High School and the University of Toledo. He now lives in Columbus but visits Washington D.C. regularly in his current role with **People For the American Way**. He is a political organizer and lobbyist at the state level.

Prior to joining People for the American Way, he worked for the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. Mr. Tucker is motivated by the political inequality he observes and feels that "not enough people speak up for the disenfranchised." That is one of his goals for doing the work he does. He is well informed about the League and has respect for its mission and purpose.

**Welcome New LWV  
Members**

**Karen Naseef  
Kim L. Penn**

**THANK YOU to . . .**

**Joan Searles for her generous  
contribution to the LWVTLC  
Education Fund**

**Joint LWV Meeting  
in December**

On December 5, the LWVTLC will be having a joint meeting in Perrysburg with the Perrysburg LWV and Bowling Green LWV.

Marcy Kaptur's office has confirmed the appointment pending legislative action in DC.

**Town Hall  
Meeting Update**

The Town Hall Meeting Committee is continuing its planning for the imPACT public forum about redistricting as a means of making elected officials accountable. Spread the word the Town Hall Meeting will be **Thursday, November 16, in the Wyndham Hotel**, 2 Seagate Center, downtown Toledo. A Reception begins at 5:00 p.m., and the panel discussion at 6:00 p.m.

The forum is one of 22 statewide local League **imPACT** projects, which stands for **Political Accountability for Citizens Today** and is funded by LWVO ed fund from a grant awarded by the Chicago-based Joyce Foundation.

The LWVTLC committee has come up with a unique approach to the issue of redistricting part of which will highlight the impact current redistricting methods have on local, statewide and ultimately national issues. The idea is to get everyone thinking about, analyzing, discussing and hopefully moving forward toward more equitable and competitive redistricting decisions. Keep your calendars open for the date and your ideas ready. For more information about the imPACT projects and the issues they are attempting to address check out [www.ohioimpact.org](http://www.ohioimpact.org) for links to useful reports and articles.

**Ohio Voter Issues Explanation and Positions**



The **Autumn Ohio Voter** with detailed explanations, pros and cons, and the LWVO Board positions for all five State Issues has been sent to LWVTLC members. If you have not as yet received this valuable edition, please call toll free 877-LWV-OHIO to make sure you are on

their mailing list and get your copy before the election. This information is also on the LWVO web site [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org).

In addition to the State Issues information, The Ohio Voters contains interesting articles

regarding LWVO Gun Control volunteer lobbyist, **Rosie Craig**, and the current legislative agenda regarding gun control, as well as LWVO's summer/fall report on advocacy activity. It also spotlights the LWVUS involvement in the Public Advisory Voter Protection Project and Athens County's imPACT forum. The Co-Presidents' letter focuses on the uses of voting registration legislation to promote the impression that problems with elections stem from improper registrations, and a most important reminder about the new ID requirements for voting.

Read it and pass it on to a non-league member friend . . . it has lots of good information.

***NWO Community Shares' Coupon for Monday, Nov. 13 Share a Meal***

Please present coupon at participating restaurants.

Gianno's @ The Inn-301 River Road, (Maumee)  
The Ground Round-551 Dussel (Maumee)

The Mango Tree, 217 S. Reynolds  
Manhattan's, 1516 Adams Street



## VOTING IS CHANGING -- IS VOTING WORKING?

As an Ohio voter, would you please help the League of Women Voters gather information about how well the general election on November 7, 2006 was carried out? Please take a few moments to complete the short survey below within a day or two of casting your ballot at the polls, and send it to the League office (address below) as soon as possible.

We are interested in your experience and observations. This survey is available on our website [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org). The League will post the results of the survey by December 1, 2006 on our website

**Thank you !**

**Needed information:** County \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Day \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Location \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct Identification \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** A representative of the League of Women Voters may want to contact you for further information. If you wouldn't mind being contacted, please fill in your name and contact information (phone or e-mail address). Otherwise, you may leave it blank.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* SURVEY \*\*\***

QUESTIONS	Circle <b>ONE</b> answer for each question --or-- write in answer as necessary		
1. Did you have proper identification with you at the polls?	Yes	No	
2. What ID did you show the pollworker?	Driver's License	State ID	Alternative ID
3. If you used your <u>Driver's License</u> as your ID, did it have your current address?	Yes		No
4. IF your address was <u>not</u> current, what form of ballot were you given?	Regular Ballot	Provisional Ballot	
5. If you showed the pollworker an alternative ID, what ID did you show?	Write answer here:		
6. Was your alternative form of ID accepted by pollworkers?	Yes	No	
7. IF your alternative form of ID <u>was</u> accepted, what <u>ballot</u> were you given?	Regular Ballot	Provisional Ballot	
8. IF your alternative form of ID was <u>NOT</u> accepted, what reason were you given?	Write answer here:		

**QUESTIONS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE.**

9. If you voted a provisional ballot for any reason, did the pollworkers explain exactly what was necessary for your ballot to be counted?	Yes	No	
10. Were you or anyone you know <u>at your polling location</u> turned away for lack of identification (ID) without being offered a provisional ballot?	Yes	No	
11. Were you challenged on citizenship?	Yes	No	
12. If you were in the wrong precinct or polling location, did pollworkers explain clearly where you should go?	Yes	No	
13. Were any of the voting machines in your precinct or polling location NOT in service?	Yes	No	Don't Know
If you used a touch screen machine, please answer 14(a) and 14(b). If you used an optical scan voting machine (in other words, you used a paper ballot to mark vote), please answer (14c).			
14(a) If you used a touch screen machine: Did the touch screen voting machine record your votes as you intended, on the touch screen?	Yes	No	
14(b) If you used a touch screen machine: Did the touch screen voting machine record your votes as you intended on the paper audit trail visible in the lower right section of the voting machine?	Yes	No	
14(c) If you used an optical scan voting machine: How long did you have to wait to get your paper ballot scanned?	Write answer here:		
15. If you are disabled in any way, was voting <u>private and accessible</u> for you?	Yes	No	
16. How long did you wait in line to vote?	Write answer here:		

Please add any details or other experiences or observations that you would like to report about your visit to the polls. \_\_\_\_\_

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**As soon as possible, please mail completed survey to:**  
**League of Women Voters of Ohio**  
**17 South High St., Suite. 650, Columbus, OH 43215**  
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**You may fax: (614) 469-7918**  
**THANK YOU!**  
**For immediate legal assistance on election day, phone toll-free 1-866-687-8683**

## Presidents' Message



As this letter is being written it is one week before the Election. The League phone line has been ringing steadily as people request information on the candidates and issues that will appear on the ballot. We have also received several requests for speakers to discuss voting, the issues, etc.

It is so encouraging to know that voters want to be informed and look to the League of Women Voters for guidance. Thanks to **Ann Payne, Yvette Thompson, Nina Sabrack** for responding to the requests for Speakers. I also spoke to two groups of retirees.

We received an invitation from the **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)** to join them in their efforts to provide legal advice and voting information through the LWVOH's Voter Protection Project. Again, it is exciting to have so many organizations, etc. look to LWV-TLC for forming coalitions, etc. while working to make Democracy work!

The League of Women Voters of Toledo-Lucas County received 3,500 **Be Sure Your Vote Counts** flyers from the LWVOH office and were distributed thanks to Yvette, Ann, Diane Mieczkowski, the Junior League of Toledo, Nina and others. We also made additional copies. Much of the information was to ensure voters took the correct ID to the polls.

In the next issue, we will recap highlights of League members efforts toward ensuring no voters have been disenfranchised. Some of you may be involved in projects we are unaware of and we would like to hear from you. I know that two of us will be poll workers.



The October 8 **candidates' forum** we co-sponsored with Westgate Neighbors was quite well attended. The first half of the evening the County Commissioner candidates **Ben Konop** and **George Sarantou** answered questions from the audience. The second portion of the evening was devoted to hearing from the candidates for the open at-large Toledo council seat. The four candidates that attended are, **Joe McNamara, James Mohn, Dave Shulz**

and **Bob Vasquez**. Thanks to **Stephanie Kaiser, Yvette Thompson** and **Rosemary Alloy** for doing the timing. And thank you to **Mary Karazim** for sorting questions to ensure none were repeated. League members and others told me our forums do help them decide! I also find the forums helpful.



Remember the LWVOH is gathering information on the election process so report any incidents you or someone you know experienced.

~ *Bonnie Bishop and Peg Smith*

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### LWVO Voter Survey

Most voting advocacy groups are anticipating problems at the polls this November because of the new Identification requirements put into place by HB#3. The LWVO Board has come up with a Voter Survey to be filled out on or near election day after voting. It is asking specific questions about the **voter's experience with the ID requirements, what kind of ID they used, what ballot they were given, were they allowed to vote or turned away**, among other things.

Enclosed in this month's Voter is the LWVO voter survey for you to use yourself, and or copy and give to friends and family or distribute as you wish. This is an attempt to see how well the new rules worked. Please consider doing this bit for evaluating the effect of HB#3 rules.

The League of Women Voters  
of Toledo-Lucas County  
is a member of Northwest Ohio  
Community Shares



**November 5, 11:00 p.m.**

Be sure to watch the broad-  
cast of the LWVO debate  
between Attorney General  
candidates on PBS channel  
30 WGTE TV.



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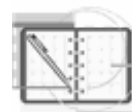
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**Save the Date!**

Updated LWV/TLC 2006-07 Calendar



<b>November 7</b>	<b>General Election. Polls open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.</b>
November 13	Share a Meal for Community Shares see article insid
November 15	Naturalization Ceremony Perrysburg H. S.
November 16	Town Hall Meeting/November General Meeting Topic: Redistricting Location: Wyndham Hotel, Two Seagate Center, Toledo Reception: 5:00 p.m. / Panel 6:00 p.m.
November 20	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Reynolds Corner Library
December 5	General Meeting Luncheon with Perrysburg/Bowling Green Leagues at Caronor Country Club, Perrysburg. <b>Marcy Kaptur speaker.</b>
December 15	Naturalization Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., McMaster Center The LWV-TLC will host a reception immediately after the ceremony.
December	General Meeting / Holiday Party
January 15	Board Meeting (Martin Luther King holiday)
January 19	General Meeting: Reception for Public Officials
February 12	Board Meeting
February 22	General Dinner Meeting, Program for Advocacy
March 12	Board Meeting
March 22	General Meeting
March	Statehouse Day
April 16	Board Meeting
April 26	General Meeting, Second Annual Signature Event
May 4 & 5	State Convention @ Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
May 14	Board Meeting
May 24	General Meeting, Annual Meeting
June 11	Joint Board Meeting