

LWVO League Leaders Update
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****NEW** Statewide Candidate Questionnaires Distributed for Primary Voter Guides**

The LWVOEF state office has submitted candidate questionnaires to statewide candidates in preparation for the Primary Voter Guide. Candidates that submitted petitions to county boards of elections by the February 18, 2010 deadline for whom contact information is available were provided a copy of the appropriate questionnaire with a request to return it to the state office by March 15. For a complete listing of filed statewide candidates go to the Ohio Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/PressReleases/2010/2010-02-18.aspx or contact your local board of election at www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/boeDirectory.aspx.

Local Leagues should refer to the 2010 Primary Election Information document to access the approved questions as well as local League assignments to collect answers from the Ohio House of Representative and odd-numbered Ohio Senate candidates. You can access the 2010 Primary Election Information document from the members' only section of the League website at www.lwvohio.org.

For more information on this process, please feel free to contact the state office at 1-877-LWV-OHIO

****NEW** Local Leagues are Encouraged to Share Best Practices**

The February 10, 2010 League Leader Update included a copy of the “Quiz Bowl” on Program Planning as a tool for use by local Leagues. The sharing of this “home grown” resource is one example of the great ideas and energy generated at the local level that makes the League great.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio has been a great organization for 90 years because she is a grassroots organization that focuses on members and their communities. So let’s keep growing those great ideas!

If your League has a special tip, trick or technique that you think would benefit other League’s please let us know. By sharing best practices we all can grow together and we can take a moment to pat ourselves on the back for our efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

****NEW **Regional Meetings Update**

LWVO Regional Meetings

The LWVO Membership Engagement & Development Committee (MEDC) is developing regional meetings for each geographic area in Ohio. As the meetings are confirmed, the information will be sent to each of the presidents for those regions. The purpose of the meetings is to inform, spark conversation and promote networking in the regions.

February 27, 2010

-Northwest Region, which includes the Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Tiffin and Toledo/Lucas County Leagues is scheduled for Saturday at 9:30am. The location is St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, 871 E. Boundary St. in Perrysburg.

Joan Platz, LWVO Education Lobbyist, will give a presentation on **Education** in Ohio.

March 6, 2010

-Southwest Region, which includes the Cincinnati Area, Clermont County, Darke County, Greater Dayton & Oxford Leagues is scheduled for Saturday at 9:30am. The location is the Marcum Conference Center, Miami University, 351 N. Fisher Dr., Oxford.

Teana Nicol, member of the LWVO Board and the Greater Dayton League will give a presentation and demonstration of **Technology**.

-Southeast Region, which includes the Athens, Chillicothe-Ross, Marietta and Portsmouth/Scioto Leagues is scheduled for Saturday at 10:00am. The location is the O’Bleness Memorial Hospital, 75 Hospital Dr., Athens.

Melissa Currence, member of the LWVO Board and the Cincinnati Area League will give a presentation and demonstration of **Technology**.

-North & Northeast Regions, which include Ashtabula, Cleveland Area, Cuyahoga Area, Geauga County, Lake County, Oberlin, Shaker Heights (North), Akron, Canton, Greater Youngstown, Hudson, Kent, Northern Portage, Tallmadge, Trumbull County & Wayne County (Northeast) Leagues are scheduled for Saturday at 9:30am. Since there was a great deal of interest in **Membership** and **Regionalism** in these two regions and the local Leagues are “reasonably” close, members and MALs (Members at Large) are welcome to come to either meeting.

Regionalism: A Case Study – The location is Hiram College, Gerstacker Hall, Room 123, 11700 Hayden St., Hiram, at 9:30am. Janice Patterson, former LWVO President and member of the LWV Cuyahoga Area and Terrie Nielsen, member of the LWVO Board and President of the LWV Kent, will facilitate a lively discussion on the use of a regionalism position.

Membership – The location is the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, Shaker Hts. at 9:30am. Jean Koznarek, member of the LWVO Board and the LWV Shaker Hts. will give a presentation on “How to do the Ask”. Using materials the LWVUS developed for their Membership Recruitment Initiative, Jean will go over some basics of member recruitment and retention.

The regional meetings are open to the entire membership and MALs for the Leagues in those areas. Donations are welcome.

For registration and more details, please contact Jean Koznarek, jkozlwv@aol.com.

****NEW** State House Day/ Council 2010 Update**

It is an exciting time on the Life of the League of Women Voters of Ohio and the LWVO Education Fund. Many issues to which we have committed our energy and efforts are gathering steam and moving forward such as redistricting and accountability. If you and your members want to hear about the tangible progress made and what is on the horizon, you do not want to miss the 2010 Statehouse Day/ Council on April 14, 2010. . Final plans are being made on topics such as the potential effects of federal health care reform and judicial selection. Our Lobby Corps will be on hand to share information on hot state legislative topics and will have a special presentation by Terry Pastika, Executive Director of the Citizen Advocacy Center of Illinois on open government.

Governor Ted Strickland has been invited as our keynote speaker and we are hopeful that his schedule will permit his attendance.

Continue to check out the League website for information on [State House Day/Council](#) as it will be regularly updated. [Click here](#) to access the registration form or go to the League Website to download.

Come join us for a great day of education and the chance to celebrate the 90th Anniversary on April 14th.

ADMINISTRATION

****REMINDER** Drop In Local VOTER article on Phonathon Available**

As you are aware, we have instituted the Phonathon Fundraiser so that we can meet our goals to carry out important educational and advocacy work. In an effort to make this process run smoothly, the planning team is creating tools to assist local leaders in the Phonathon efforts. You will find attached to this email, a drop-in article for your local VOTER. It is in a word format for easy manipulation and editing. **The draft article has a space for you to add your local League name.** If you have any problems opening or using this file, please contact the state office at 1-877-LWV-OHIO or contact Rosanne Thomas at rosanne.thomas@gmail.com or 1-330-656-2383.

Keep looking for more information on Phonathon in upcoming League Leader Updates.

****REMINDER** Drop In article for Local Leagues Voters: Snapshot of January's State Board Meeting.**

A Snapshot: January LWV-Ohio and LWV-Ohio Education Fund Board Meeting

Your state League Boards (LWV-Ohio and LWV-Ohio Education Fund) meet every other month in Columbus. A ready-to-go article for your League's VOTER that will give your membership a snapshot of what your state League accomplished at our January 15-16 meeting is available by clicking [here](#). This information is also attached to this email.

****Reminder** We want to toot our horns about Local League Activities and Accomplishments.**

Has your League done something to crow about? Something to model for other Leagues? Is there something your League would like to find out from other Leagues about their successful programs and strategies? **Then write up a short blurb and send it to us (leg@lwvohio.org).**

Just follow these easy guidelines:

- **Submissions must be received via email** at leg@lwvohio.org no later than **Monday, noon, of the 2nd or 4th week** of each month to be included in the Leaders' Update of that week.
- **Submissions must include the submitter's name and contact information in the body of the blurb;** That way people can contact her/him directly if they want to know more, have questions, etc.
- **Submissions must be 75 words or less** (and we'll follow the rules used for Voters' Guides on length, i.e., just end at the 75th word).
- **We will not edit or change the content of submissions** (again, following the rules used for Voters' Guides).

Mark your calendars now--Dates to Remember

State LWVOEF Board Meeting

March 12-13, 2010

Statehouse Day/ Council

April 14, 2009

LWVUS Convention- Atlanta Georgia

June 11-15, 2010

**LWVO Lobby Lunches
11:30 am**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month,

Anyone is Welcome to Attend

Columbus Metropolitan Library
96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus,

Call 877-598-6446 for more
information

If you have Local League Leaders or other League members who would like to receive the Leaders Update, please send their email information to leg@lwvohio.org