



## April 2015

# Ohio League Leader Updates

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### 2. Girls Run the World

In conjunction with our state Convention, the LWV Cincinnati and Girl Scouts of Western Ohio are partnering with "Girls Run the World" to host an event to encourage political activism and civic engagement for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors. The event will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati - Blue Grass Room, 151 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Kelly at [sarahkelly@gsw.org](mailto:sarahkelly@gsw.org). To view the event flyer, [click here](#).

League members are encouraged to bring their daughters and granddaughters to this interactive event, full of fun with the Girl Scouts!

We are also thrilled that some the Girl Scouts will be joining us at the luncheon at the LWVO State Convention to celebrate the League's 95th anniversary.

### 3. Three big wins for voters!

We are delighted to share with you three pieces of good news! Three wins:

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- a. Our early voting lawsuit, NAACP v. Husted, has reached a settlement agreement that will guarantee evening and weekend early voting hours through the end of 2018! Read more [here](#).
- b. LWVO and our partners [urged](#) Governor Kasich to veto a provision in the transportation budget - and he did! - that could have had a detrimental effect on student and military voters.
- c. [LWVO lobbied](#) the House to include funding in the state budget to continue sending absentee ballot applications statewide in 2016 - and we're pleased that it was included in the House version of the budget as promised by the House Speaker.

LWV Ohio will continue to advocate for sensible election rules that work for voters and election officials.

#### 4. Update on Annual Campaign and Know Your Ohio Government (KYOG) Project

We kept our promise and made our 2015 Annual Campaign short and sweet. However, we have not yet reached our goal of raising \$28,000. But we are not crying over spilled milk. Because it's not too late - if you just didn't get around to putting that little envelope in the mail, you still can! Or if you prefer, you can take part in the upcoming [Big Give Campaign](#) on May 12th sponsored by the Columbus Foundation, of which we are a part. The Big Give is a one day giving extravaganza featuring myriad wonderful Columbus area non-profits. While we hate to tell you what you already know, just as a reminder, your contribution really does make a difference. The State League depends heavily on the support of individual donors to continue our critical work. We have not raised membership dues in 5 years, and the only way we can continue to keep dues affordable is with the generous support of our donors large and small throughout the year.

In other news, there are exciting developments for our "Know Your Ohio Government" (KYOG) project. We hope to revise, update and re-publish this popular resource as both an e-book and print edition for educators, libraries, and other folks around the state. The Nordson Foundation has pledged \$5,000, half of the project budget, to ensure this happens. However, we only have until October to raise the remaining \$5800 of the budget or else we will lose their generous matching offer. The Portage League has kindly kicked off the donations for this mini-campaign with their contribution specifically earmarked for KYOG. We are gratefully accepting donations over the next few months until we reach our goal. Please mark your gift "KYOG Fund" Thank you!

#### 5. Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Teams and Coaches Rock!

Thirty MLD team members and coaches from 16 Leagues across Ohio gathered in Columbus, April 17-18, for their annual training. [Click here](#) to view the photos. They shared innovative strategies to grow

and diversify their memberships, to develop League leaders and to be more visible and effective in their communities. Mixed in with the informative discussions and exercises were plenty of laughter and camaraderie.

If you're interested in knowing more about the MLD program and how to get involved, please contact Meg Flack, MLD Coordinator, at [megflack150@gmail.com](mailto:megflack150@gmail.com) or visit the state [League's MLD home page](#).

## **6. LWV Ohio Internship Program**

Do you know a college student who is looking to gain valuable experience in a fast-paced work environment? Encourage them to apply for the LWV Ohio Internship Program! We are accepting applications for:

- Legislative & Public Policy Intern
- Voter Service Intern
- Communications & Marketing Intern

[Click here](#) for job descriptions and how to apply.

## **7. 2015 Statehouse Day Recap**

This year's Statehouse Day was an enjoyable, informative day filled with engaging presentations and networking among local League members. [Click here](#) to read the LWVO lobbyist reports, speaker materials, and view photos from the event.

## **8. LWVO Student Scholarship Program!**

Want to involve students in your League? The LWVO has set up a pilot program for Student Membership Scholarships! [Click here](#) to read about the program and for the application form. There are a total of 15 scholarships that will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. This is a great opportunity for your League to establish closer working relationships with your local college or university!

For more information, contact the LWVO office at 614-469-1505 or email at [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org).

## **9. May All-Member Conference Call-CANCELLED**

As Tuesday, May 5, 2015 is the Primary Election Day - and we know many of you will be working the polls - we will **not** have our usual first Tuesday monthly LWV Ohio All-Member Conference Call.

Monthly calls will resume on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

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