

# **LWV OHIO CALENDAR**

## **Upcoming Events 2016-2017**

Many local Leagues and League members have requested a calendar of state League activities to help plan for the coming year. We hope the list of events and activities below is helpful.

Please note that dates are subject to change. For example, if an all-member call or lobby lunch falls on Election Day or near a holiday, it may be rescheduled. This calendar will be updated as activity dates are confirmed, and event announcements will be shared via the *Voter*, *LWVO's League Leader Updates*, and on the website ([www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)).

If you have any questions, please contact the LWVO office at [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) or 614-469-1505.

### **Regular Recurring Events**

- LWVO Monthly All-Member Conference Calls: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 12 noon – 1 p.m. (unless it's a holiday). Topics are advertised in the *LWVO League Leader Updates* monthly e-newsletter and posted on the state website [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org). Recordings of most calls are available on the state website until the end of each month.
- LWVO Lobby Lunch meets by phone on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 12:00 noon – 1 p.m. (unless it's a holiday). Contact the state office for details. Anyone interested in League advocacy is welcome to join the call.
- Monthly *LWVO League Leader Updates* email newsletter. Contact the office to be added to the email list.
- LWVO Statehouse Day occurs every spring. In state convention years, it is usually held in March. In non-convention years, it is held in either March or April.
- LWVO Convention occurs in odd-numbered years, usually in May or June.
- LWVO Council was made optional by a bylaws change in 2015; the change to a two-year budget rendered Council unnecessary but may be held if some other business needs to be presented to the membership during non-convention years. In recent years, Council has been in conjunction with Statehouse Day on even-numbered years. These occur in late spring.
- LWVUS Convention occurs in even-numbered years, and US Council meetings are held in odd-numbered years. These usually occur in June.
- Regional meetings: The LWVO state board surveyed local League presidents recently and learned that we need to give more thought to the purpose and usefulness of regional meetings. We are going to hold off on scheduling regional meetings until we finish that review, which means no regional meetings in August.
- LWVUS League Update sent electronically on Thursdays.

### **Non-regular events / deadlines**

- Action Alerts
- Study materials and consensus questions for state and national studies. Since 2017 is a state convention year, we will be focused this year on state program planning and concluding the study and consensus approved at the 2015 state convention.
  - LWVO Primary Election Systems study consensus meetings
  - LWVO Program Planning for 2017-2019

### **Calendar Year 2016:**

#### **July 2016**

- July 1: Start of new fiscal year. PMP invoices sent to local Leagues July 1st.
- July 4: Independence Day. Check the LWVO website, [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org), for office closure dates.
- July 12: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- July 23-24: LWVO/EF board meeting & retreat
- July 19-20: Seneca Falls anniversary (PR opportunity)
- July 26: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leaders' Update* emailed
- End of month: questions for Gen Election Voters Guide will be sent to local Leagues

#### **August 2016**

- Aug. 2: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- Aug. 9: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Aug. 10: filing deadline for Indep & 3<sup>rd</sup> party candidates and for Ohio General Assembly to submit proposed constitutional amendments
- Aug. 22: BOE certification of candidates from 8/10 filings (*VOTE411 key date*)
- Aug. 23: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Aug. 25: filing deadline for 3<sup>rd</sup> party slate with SOS (*VOTE411 key date*)
- Aug. 26: Women's Equality Day (PR opportunity). LWVO will send annual WED fundraiser appeal letter during the month of August. Many local Leagues hold WED events.
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leaders' Update* emailed
- Aug 29: write-in candidate deadline (*VOTE411 key date*)

#### **September 2016**

- Voter Registration Month (PR and project opportunity).
- Early Sept.: LWVO Voter Guide published
- Sept. 5: Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 6: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)

- Sept. 9 -10: LWVO/EF board meeting
- Sept. 13: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Sept. 17: Constitution Day (PR opportunity)
- Sept. 27: National Voter Registration Day (PR, project, and event opportunity); LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Sept. 30: Deadline to pay state PMP and receive the 5% discount for payment in full during the first quarter of the fiscal year.
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leaders' Update* emailed
- LWVO Primary Election Systems study committee expects to issue the study guide and consensus questions for local Leagues.

### **October 2016**

- Voter Education Month
- Voter-service activities
- Oct. 4: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- Oct. 5-11: Golden Week-start of absentee & early voting, if court order to restore is upheld on appeal (?)
- Oct. 11: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 11: Ohio voter registration deadline
- Oct. 12: start of absentee & early voting (if Golden Week cut)
- Oct. 25: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leaders' Update* emailed

### **November 2016**

- Nov. 1: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- Nov. 8: General Election Day
- Nov. 8: no LWVO Lobby Lunch Call— cancelled due to election
- Ohio General Assembly will reconvene for "lame duck" session after Election Day; exact schedule subject to change. Visit [www.legislature.ohio.gov](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov) for updated schedule.
- Nov. 19: LWVO/EF board meeting; LWVO program planning packet will be sent to local Leagues following Nov. state board meeting.
- Nov. 22: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 24-27: Office will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- LWVO end-of-year fundraising appeal will go out around Thanksgiving
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leaders' Update* emailed

### **December 2016**

- Dec. 6: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- Dec. 13: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Dec. 15: Bill of Rights Day (PR opportunity)
- Dec. 27: no LWVO Lobby Lunch Call – cancelled due to holidays
- Christmas & New Year's: LWVO office will be closed for the holidays. Dates when the office is closed will be announced on the website, [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org).

- End of month: LWVO's *League Leaders' Update* emailed; 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the Ohio General Assembly will conclude.

### **Calendar Year 2017:**

#### **January 2017**

- Early January: registration for Statehouse Day opens
- Jan. 2: office closed for New Year's Day.
- Early Jan: (date TBA) 132<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Ohio General Assembly will convene. State budget process will dominate much of the spring and must be approved by June 30 to take effect on July 1.
- Jan. 3: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.) – subject to date change or cancellation due to proximity to a holiday.
- Jan. 5: first call to State Convention will be sent
- Jan. 6-7: LWVO/EF board meeting. (Jan. 20-21 weather back-up date)
- Jan. 9: LWV founder Carrie Chapman Catt's birthday (PR opportunity)
- Jan. 10: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Jan. 16: MLK Day (PR opportunity to promote restoring the Voting Rights Act)
- Jan. 24: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Mid/Late Jan: Primary Election Systems study consensus questions response due.
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leader Update* emailed

#### **February 2017**

- Youth Voter month (PR opportunity)
- Early/Mid Feb: Program planning responses due.
- Feb. 7: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- Feb. 14: LWVUS's birthday (PR opportunity); LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 21: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Winter issue of the *Voter* will go out.
- LWVO Annual Campaign fundraiser appeal will go out.
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leader Update* emailed

#### **March 2017**

- LWVO Statehouse Day will be held in March (date TBD) in Columbus. Once the date and venue are set, it will be announced on the website, an email invitation to all members, in the *Voter*, and the *Ohio League Leaders Update* e-newsletter.
- Women's History Month (PR opportunity)
- Preparation for May primary election. If there are any statewide ballot issues on the primary election ballot (rare), LWVO board will send out after board meeting. Local Leagues who do so may be working on information about primary election candidates and issues.
- Mar. 3-4: LWVO/EF board meeting
- Mar. 7: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)

- Mar. 8: International Women's Day (PR opportunity)
- Mar. 14: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Mid-March Sunshine Week (PR opportunity)
- Mar. 24: final call to State Convention will be sent – includes proposed budget and PMP, proposed program and non-recommended items, state board nominations, proposed bylaws changes (if any)
- Mar. 28: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leader Update* emailed

### **April 2017**

- Late Mar/Early April (tentative): MLD applications for coaches and local League teams are usually due in March or April; exact date will be announced in the *Voter, Ohio League Leaders Update* email newsletter, and on [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)
- Apr. 4: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- Apr. 11: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- Apr. 19-25: National Volunteer Week (PR opportunity)
- Apr. 22: Earth Day (PR opportunity)
- Apr. 25: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- MLD Training usually takes place during the month of April. A precise date will be shared with MLD teams, coaches, and applicants once it is set.
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leader Update* emailed

### **May 2017**

- May 1: Law Day (PR opportunity)
- May 2: Ohio primary election; no LWVO All-Member Conference Call – cancelled due to Election Day and Convention
- May 5-7: LWVO State Convention, Cuyahoga Falls
- May 9: no LWVO Lobby Lunch Call – cancelled due to Convention
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 23: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- May 29: Office closed for Memorial Day
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leader Update* emailed

### **June 2017**

- LWVO and local Leagues: Announce program and leadership outcomes after annual meetings
- June 6: LWVO All-Member Conference Call (noon - 1 p.m.)
- June 13: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- June 22-25: LWVUS Council
- June 23: Title IX anniversary (PR opportunity)
- June 27: LWVO Lobby Lunch Call (12:00 p.m.)
- June 30: End of LWVO/EF fiscal year 2017
- End of month: LWVO's *League Leader Update* emailed