

LWVO League Leaders Update
March 24, 2010

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****NEW** Voter Information Guide Information Now Available**

The 2010 Primary Election Voter Guide is now available on the League website located at www.lwvohio.org. Included are the responses from candidates to the LWVO 2010 Primary Candidate Questionnaire. This guide includes only those responses received by the deadline and adhere to the LWVO word limit policy.

To access a WORD version of this document please log-in to the members only section of the website. The WORD version is house here to protect the information from being changed.

The public website version is in a PDF format. If you need your log-in information, please contact the state office.

Please continue to watch for an update to the Voter Guide which will include candidates for Appellate Court as the Secretary of State's office is still compiling contact information. As soon as possible, we will solicit each appellate court candidate to complete our questionnaire and provide that information to local Leagues.

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. Please contact the state office if you have problems accessing the information.

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

****NEW** Agenda for Action Coming Soon**

The State office will soon be sending the latest *Agenda for Action* to Local League Presidents.

LWVO President Meg G. Flack wanted to share an important message about the *Agenda for Action*.
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Dear League President,

[Click Here](#) to find the *2009-2011 Agenda for Action*. As you read it, you will find it is both a history and a guide. It is the main source of information about the Program of the League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWV-Ohio). *Agenda for Action* contains each LWV-Ohio position, its history, how the position has been used for action and the future outlook for the issue.

Please give the "Guidelines for Taking Action" a special review. With the increase in regional and multi-local League issues, there is a growing need for consultation with neighboring Leagues and consideration of each other's positions as part of our general advocacy practice. This is spelled out under "Action Requiring Consultation" on page 4.

And please keep membership recruitment in mind when taking action on an issue. For many members, the League's Program is the "jewel in the crown" of the League—and a strong membership-recruitment tool. Passion for an issue has been a motivating factor for many in joining the League and getting involved in advocacy.

If you have further questions or comments please feel free to contact Deidra Reese, LWV-Ohio Executive Director (phone: 1-877-LWV-OHIO; email: leg@lwvohio.org).

Sincerely,

Meg G. Flack

Meg G. Flack, President

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MEMBERSHIP

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

Important Information Regarding Delegates to Council: Each local League that has paid three-quarters of its 2009-2010 Ohio PMP by the **April 1, 2010** deadline prior to Council is entitled to send two voting delegates (the president or their designee and one other delegate). MAL Units may send one voting delegate.

We are on the countdown to Statehouse Day/Council. If you have not registered yet, it is not too late. You have until April 6th to get your registration in.

You can also highlight SHD/Council to your members by using the link below of an article from a recent Spotlight e-newsletter

(<http://lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/Spotlight%20On%20SHD%203-17-2010.pdf>) This article can be reprinted in your local VOTER or e-mailed to your members to encourage broad attendance. Remember, each local League may send two delegates to Council and an unlimited number of visitors to Statehouse Day -- all for the same \$35 per-person price (covering breakfast, lunch, materials, and cake).

LWVO President Meg G. Flack has invited all state senators and representatives to attend a legislative reception at the end of the day. We think a personal invitation from each local League president (or designee who will be attending Statehouse Day) will go even further to entice legislators to attend. Below is sample language you can use to invite the legislative delegation from your area. No need to coordinate with other Leagues in the same district -- the more invitations they get, the better!

*****SAMPLE LETTER*****

Dear Senator/Representative [NAME]:

You already should have received an invitation from the League of Women Voters of Ohio to attend a special legislative reception and League 90th birthday party celebration on **April 14 from 2:45-3:30 p.m.** on the 31st Floor of the Vern Riffe Center.

As president of the League of Women Voters of [LOCAL LEAGUE], I want to extend a special invitation to you because constituents from [LOCAL AREA/your district] plan to attend the event.

The reception offers an informal opportunity to learn more about the League and its priorities, to celebrate 90 years of making democracy work, and to enjoy some cake and coffee together with constituents who care about public policy and good government.

Feel free to contact Charisse Armstead at the League of Women Voters, (614) 469-1505, if you have questions or to confirm your attendance. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

[LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT or DESIGNEE WHO WILL ATTEND SHD]

****NEW** Share Your Anniversary Celebrations with the State League**

The State League would like to highlight the 90th Anniversary Celebrations held by Local Leagues.

If you have photos, articles, flyers, media coverage etc... about your local celebration, please send it to the state office at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org so that we can feature you in future State League communications.

We know you are doing great things and look forward to the chance to highlight our celebrations.

****NEW** Phonathon Update**

Thank you to all members and Local Leagues who have already submitted their donations for Phonathon 2010. As you know our goal is \$35,000 net of expenses and we are nearly halfway to our goal so please keep up the good work.

Local League presidents will soon receive your lists of members to contact, so be on the lookout for that communication from Phonathon Chair Rosanne Thomas. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Rosanne at Rosanne.thomas@gmail.com.

ADMINISTRATION

****NEW** Drop-in article for Local Leagues' Voters: Highlights from Your State League: Mid-January - Mid-March, 2010**

Your state League is keeping busy -- as your voice at the Statehouse, with regional League and local Town Hall meetings -- and much, much more! A ready-to-go article for your League's VOTER that gives your membership a snapshot of what your state League accomplished from mid-January through mid-March is available on the League website. You can download the March report by [clicking here](#) and selecting the March Board Actions report. This information is also attached to this email.

****NEW** Check out the LWVO Blog**

LWVO has initiated a pilot Blog for the Primary Election Season. We encourage you to promote the [LWVO Blog](#) to local League members and others in your community who want information about the primary issues and the League's perspective on selected issues. As a pilot project, it is important that we get a sense of the value of the blog so we hope you will become a fan, post comments and direct others to the Blog.

You can reach the blog at <http://lwvohio.blogspot.com/>

LOCAL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

From LWV Greater Dayton

In celebration of Women's History month, on March 24 the League of Women Voters GDA hosted a complimentary showing of **NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE** a Ken Burns Documentary in the NEON Theatre, Dayton. The film highlights the friendship between Susan B. Anthony & Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a friendship that started a movement that would inspire women for seven decades and change American history. Approximately 85 league members and community attended. Susan Hesselgesser, 937-228-4041 or susan@lwvdayton.org.

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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

Statehouse Day/ Council

April 14, 2010

State LWVOEF Board Meeting

May 14-15, 2010

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