

LWVO League Leaders Update
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ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

****NEW** Funding Opportunity for Local Leagues**

An important message from League President Meg Flack:

Hi, all –

As we all begin thinking about voter-service activities in preparation for the fall general election, I wanted to make sure you were aware of an **important and innovative project the LWVUS Education Fund is offering to local Leagues**. They are offering funding and support for local Leagues' voter-registration activities that target under-represented youth (high-school and college age). **The deadline for indicating a League's interest in the project is coming up fast...May 18.**

Here's LWVUS's description of the project—and the contact information for Maggie Duncan, if you'd like to know more about it or want to indicate your League's interest:

LWVUS is pursuing funding to support voter-registration activities focused on youth, with a particular emphasis on underrepresented youth (high school or college age) including minorities, low-income

individuals, community or technical/vocational college students, or court-involved youth. The project will likely NOT involve activities at traditional four-year colleges.

- *We're interested in speaking with Leagues who are planning registration events involving these groups during the fall of 2010.*
- *If funding is secured, LWVUS would provide Education Fund pass—through grant support to selected Leagues, likely on a per-school/event basis.*
- *In exchange for grant funding, Leagues would be required to report to LWVUS basic information about their activities, as well as legally-allowed information from the voter registration records of applicants. This data is gathered in order to help the League a) ensure voter registration applications of young people are successfully processed by election officials and b) allow the League to follow up with those who have registered to provide them important information pertaining to election dates and regulations in their state.*
- *LWVUS would provide training, materials, and personal support to participating Leagues, including support in utilizing the resources available on VOTE411.org, as well as access to any publications or hand-outs we'll create should funding be secured.*

Maggie Duncan is coordinating the project at LWVUS and would love to hear from any local Leagues interested in partnering with LWVEF in this important work! LWVUS is moving quickly to finalize proposals for funding, so they would need to hear from Leagues by early next week (May 17th or 18th) if they would like to be considered. Please feel free to contact Maggie at mduncan@lww.org or 202-263-1313 for more information or to indicate your League's interest.

I know it's a very busy time in the League year—so a special “thank you” for considering this great opportunity to make a difference!

Best,
Meg

****Reminder** Taxation and Finance Consensus Process**

During State Convention 2007, the membership decided that we needed to update on Taxation and Finance. (Criteria, Corporate Franchise Tax, Income Tax, Property Tax, Sales Tax and Tax Mix).

The Members Only Section of the Website contains the information you need to complete the Consensus Process by **November 30, 2010**, including the Study Committee materials, consensus guidelines, consensus questions and the report form.

The consensus questions were provided to all members in latest *Ohio Voter* Newsletter. If you need any further information about this process, please feel free to contact the state office.

MEMBERSHIP

****Reminder** Historic Photos Needed for LWVUS Convention Slide Show**

Thank you to those Local Leagues that have submitted historic photos to the LWV-Ohio to show at LWVUS Convention during a one minute in the spotlight for Ohio during Roll Call. If you have any photos that you would like to submit, please forward them to the state office at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org no later than May 18, 2010. Make certain to let us know the approximate date/year, the occasion and any other info you may know about the people pictured.

We will use as many of the photos as we are allowed by LWVUS. So let's highlight Ohio Local Leagues by sending in your photos. Expect to see any photos again as we celebrate LWVO Convention 2011.

****Reminder** Local League Contact Form and Training Opportunities**

It is that time of year again when the tulips and dogwoods are blooming, birds are tending their nests and local Leagues are having their Annual Meetings. It is a very busy time and with the transition that occurs, it is important that our connection with your League is maintained. Up to date contact information enables us all to work together and support each other more easily.

You will find a Local League Board Contact Information form in the member's only section of our website. It is also attached to this League Leaders Update for your convenience. Please take a few minutes to fill this out and return it so the LWVO office will have the most current list of your leaders and their most accurate contact information.

There are many slots on the form. Not all local Leagues have boards that are that large, but we wanted to give plenty of space for the ones who do.

The committee is also providing several training opportunities as listed below. The webinar is for all leaders and potential leaders and contains a lot of helpful information. We strongly urge all officers and board members to sign up for one.

The training dates scheduled are:

July 13th at 7:00 p.m.
July 24th at 10:00 a.m.
August 12th at 7:00 p.m.
August 25th at 7:00 p.m.
September 7th at 7:00 p.m.
September 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Please RSVP via email to the state office at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org and provide your name, contact information, the date of the training you will join, and your local League. Once you sign up a confirmation and dial-in information will be sent to you.

We appreciate all of the hard work you and your local League does for our communities.

Contact me with any questions,

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ADMINISTRATION

****NEW** File your 990 E Postcard for LLEFs and Tax- Exempt Non-Profits**

Beginning May 15, 2010, non-profit organizations that have failed to file the IRS Form 990 for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax status so it is imperative that all tax-exempt organizations file by the deadline. **LWVO does NOT file the 990 form for local Leagues** therefore please **be certain** to file for your local League by the deadline if you have not already done so.

Beginning May 2010, tax-exempt organizations that have not filed a required 990 series form for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status- Excerpted from IRS Letter to the League dated May 7, 2010. -See letter attached to this LLU-

Leagues and education funds that do not meet the filing threshold for Form 990 and Form 990-EZ are still required to file an "electronic postcard" Form 990-N with the IRS. Form 990-N is available through this [link](#).

LWVUS has also provided information on this matter on their website which you can access by [clicking here](#) or pasting http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=In_League&CONTENTID=10966&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm into your web browser. If you have any doubts as to how to complete your League or education fund's [Form 990](#), you should consult the instructions and/or your tax advisor.

****NEW** LWV of Greater Dayton has Convention Delegate Slots Available**

If you have any members in your local League who are interested in attending the LWVUS National Convention, The LWV of Greater Dayton has convention delegate slots available. For more information please contact Sandra Mants in the Dayton office at league@lwdayton.org or 937-228-4041.

****NEW** PMP Payment Clarification Must Be Postmarked by October 1 to receive Discount**

The LWVO Board and Office wants to clear up any confusion regarding the deadline that local Leagues need to send their PMP payments to LWVO to receive the 5 % discount, the LWVO board has specified the date the full PMP payment needs to be postmarked. There is no substantive change in policy.

Policy with clarification underlined and highlighted:

A 5% discount on PMP will be offered to local Leagues that pay their PMP in full by the end of the first quarter. In order to be eligible for the PMP discount, the full year's invoice payment must be postmarked no later than October 1 of the current fiscal year. Three quarters of the LWVO PMP must be paid for a local League to participate in Council or Convention.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification, please feel free to contact the state office.

****Reminder** Office Staff Update**

As you should be aware, there is currently a vacancy in the office staff as the Board personnel committee revises job descriptions. We are fortunate to have Michele Martin working in the office on a temporary basis until we can post and fill the open position.

If you are aware of persons who might consider sharing their talents with the League, please feel free to encourage them to forward a resume outlining their skills. Any resumes reviewed will be reviewed during the screening and hiring process. Resume's can be sent to lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org.

****Reminder** 2009 Direction to the Board Regarding Electronic Communication and PMP**

The LWVO board has considered the recommendation that significant PMP savings might accrue to local Leagues when 70% of their members receive their copies of *The Ohio Voter* and all other LWVO/EF publications solely by electronic means. We share local Leagues' eagerness to use less expensive, more efficient communication with members whenever possible. However, LWVO will realize little significant savings by subdividing our mailing list by individual League—or even if 70% of the entire membership received *The Ohio Voter* electronically. Please refer to the attachment for a full discussion: Title of attachment: Direction- PMP Discount Final

Mark your calendars now--Dates to Remember

State LWVOEF Board Meeting

May 14-15, 2010

State Board Retreat

June 27-28, 2010, Dublin, Ohio

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