

LWVO League Leaders Update

January 28, 2011

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The correct contact information for Carol Russell is 419-931-4416. She is the contact for the hotel registration for the LWVO convention in Maumee Bay, Ohio.

- **REMINDER**** Regional Meetings -- Feb. 26 at a Location Near You

2011 Regional Meetings are scheduled at a location near you! The regional meetings will be an opportunity for an ideas-exchange with members from neighboring Leagues and all League members are invited to attend their region's meeting!

REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE:

North Leagues

Ashtabula, Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Oberlin & Shaker Heights

Location: Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building

3450 Lee Road, Shaker Heights

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Southeast Leagues

Athens, Chillicothe-Ross, Marietta & Portsmouth-Scioto

Location: Arts West

132 West State Street, Athens

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Northwest Leagues

Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Tiffin & Toledo-Lucas

Location: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

871 E. Boundary Street, Perrysburg

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Southwest Leagues

Cincinnati, Clermont, Darke, Greater Dayton & Oxford

Location: Dayton Metropolitan Library, Main Branch

215 E. Third Street, Dayton

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Central Leagues

Delaware, Lima, Marion & Metro Columbus

Location: Delaware County Public Library

84 E. Winter Street, Delaware

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Northeast Leagues

Akron, Canton, Greater Youngstown, Tallmadge, Trumbull & Wayne

Location: Hiram College, Garfield Meeting House

(White church on NE corner of SR 700 & 82)

Time: 9:30am- 12:00pm

Local League leaders will receive meeting details, including the exact time and location of their meeting, directions and the LWVO board member facilitating the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Koznarek, jkozlwv@aol.com, or the LWVO office, lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org.

****REMINDER** Join Us at 2011 Statehouse Day, April 6th, for CIVIL DISCOURSE**

Join us in Columbus – and bring a friend! – **April 6, 2011**, as the League of Women Voters of Ohio presents 2011 Statehouse Day. The theme of this year's event is Civil Discourse – and will be the subject discussed by our keynote speaker, Fred Andrie, a retired National Public Radio host from the central Ohio area whose radio program was known for inspiring conversation.

Statehouse Day participants may attend workshops on critical state policy issues, i.e., healthcare, education, regionalism, local advocacy tools and juvenile justice. Legislators will also be invited to attend the workshops and provide their input on where the state is heading as it relates to these and other issues.

We look forward to having you join us for this invigorating, thought-provoking, and particularly League activity! You can find registration information in the winter VOTER (attached).

****REMINDER** Mark Your Calendars for the LWVO/EF Convention – May 13-15, 2011:
*Sustaining Democracy Through Sustainable Communities***

Please join co-hosting Leagues LWV-Bowling Green, LWV-Perrysburg Area, LWV-Tiffin Area and LWV- Toledo/Lucas County, LWV-Ohio—as well as League members from all over the state—at Maumee Bay State Park for the 59th state League of Women Voters Convention.

Mark your calendar for May 13-15. The 1st Call to Convention was sent last week to local League presidents, and more information, including registration and hotel information, will also be available in the winter VOTER and in the next League Leaders Update.

ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

****REMINDER** 2011 Legislative Interview Materials Available: Building Relationship with Your Legislators!!!**

What: LWVO highly encourages local Leagues to conduct face-to-face interviews with their Ohio legislators at the beginning of each new session of the General Assembly (odd-numbered years). There are two reasons for the interviews.

- They allow local Leagues to establish relationships with newly elected officials and solidify connections with returning legislators in an easy way.
- Second, it is essential that the League build relationships with legislators and promote our advocacy agenda—and local Leagues get first chance at establishing that relationship.

Where is the information Leagues need? The Legislative Interview Packet is on the LWVO website in the Member Area section under [2011 legislative interview materials](#). The packet includes local League assignments, interview questions, and reporting form.

If your League is not able to participate, **please let LWVO know by Feb. 28.**

****REMINDER** LWVO 2011 Program Planning Is Now!**

Program planning is key for our statewide education and advocacy efforts. The grassroots nature of the LWVO program planning process is one of the best features of the League. Local Leagues can provide members with the opportunity to share their opinions and make their

voices heard by holding Program Planning meetings and **returning your reports to the State LWVO office by February 23, 2011.**

All the materials needed for local Leagues' program-planning meetings are available in the Member Area section in the 2011 Program Planning folder at <http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/Member-Area/2011-Program-Planning-Material.cfm> .

MEMBERSHIP

****NEW** Drop-in Article for Local Leagues' VOTER: Highlights from Your State League: Mid-November, 2010 – Mid-January, 2011**

Since the November election, your state League has kept very busy with lawsuit-monitoring projects, reform initiatives and activities to support local Leagues and their leaders! A ready-to-go article for your League's VOTER that gives your membership a snapshot of what your state League accomplished from mid-November through mid- January has also been attached to this LLU.

****NEW** Phonathon 2011 Fundraiser Begins!**

Phonathon Chair Rosanne Thomas will be returning from vacation on February 1st and contacting Presidents about the Phonathon. She wants to help Leagues finalize their own unique ways to help make Phonathon 2011 a success for all Ohio Leagues. If you would like to schedule a visit with your board, email her at rosanne.thomas@gmail.com.

****LAST CALL** It's Time to Update Your Membership Roster! – From LWVUS**

It's that time of year again: please update your membership roster with LWVUS for an accurate member count! The member count (determined by your updates to the LWVUS membership database) will "freeze" on January 31, 2011. This number will determine the amount your League must pay in PMP for FY2011-12. To update your member count, you must update your roster, including the expiration date and status ("inactive" or "active") in each member record. If you have questions or would like a database tutorial, please contact Betty Taira at LWVUS, **202-263-1345** or by email at btaira@lwv.org.

ADMINISTRATION

****NEW** Chuck Wolfe Appointed ED of Cat Welfare; Ends position with League.**

Chuck Wolfe has taken a new position and will be ending his contract with the League as imPACT project coordinator. Chuck will take on a new role as Executive Director of Cat Welfare here in Columbus! Chuck has served in a contract position with the League since this summer and has been helpful in shepherding the organization's work around imPACT and lawsuit monitoring. We are sorry to see him go but wish him well with this new leadership position. Chuck conveyed that he will always be proud to say he was associated with the League and he

plans to stay involved through the Franklin Metro League. Chuck's last official day in the office will be February 4, 2011 although he will help with transition items as needed through February.

****REMINDER** Deadline to Transfer Local League Education Funds: June 30, 2011**

We are past the mid-point in our fiscal year and following up on earlier notes, the LWV-Ohio Education Fund will discontinue administering local League education funds (LLEFs) at the end of this fiscal year—June 30, 2011—rather than start charging fees of participating Leagues.

To continue to ensure the local Leagues' ability to easily maintain their education funds, the board has investigated and shared a number of options for transferring administration of your League's education fund to another entity with the presidents and treasurers of the local Leagues. **The LLEFs currently administered by the state Education Fund, must transfer its fund from LWV-Ohio Education Fund before the June 30, 2011, deadline.**

For more information about transferring your League's education fund by June 30, 2011, please contact Michele Martin at the LWVOEF office via email at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org or call toll free at 1-877-LWVO-OHIO (1-877-598-6446).

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Regional Meetings for Local Leagues</i>	<i>February 26, 2011</i>
<i>State Board Meetings</i>	<i>March 4-5, 2011 and May 12, 2011</i>
<i>State House Day</i>	<i>April 6, 2011</i>
<i>LWVO Convention 2011 Maumee Bay State Park</i>	<i>May 13-15, 2011</i>
<i>LWVO Lobby Lunches</i> <i>All are welcome!</i> <i>Columbus Metropolitan Library</i> <i>96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus</i>	<i>2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 11:30 am – 1 p.m.</i> <i>Call 877-598-6446 for more information.</i>

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.

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