



# The VOTER

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Political Science Class 300

The City and Social Justice



## The final student presentations are scheduled for Thursday, April 22 on the UD campus, St. Joseph Hall, room 230, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending this final project presentation should contact the League office at 228-4041 to coordinate travel and on-campus parking, which is at a premium.

This winter session class involved not only learning and applying the concepts of smart and just growth to real projects in the Dayton community, but it also was designed to help the students build their analytical skills as well as their interpersonal team skills. The class was divided into three teams, with each team working on two projects during the semester. The first project involved making a presentation to the class based on assigned reading utilizing assigned text and web searches.

The second project involved the student teams developing presentations on specific Dayton area regionalism issues for use by the League in a possible consensus process. **League members have been invited to attend these final presentations.** The three areas to be covered are:

- how to control sprawl by the use of regional land use planning;
- how to promote economic development through regional revenue sharing, and
- how to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of services through cross jurisdictional collaboration.

## Celebrating Life & Health

### A chance to volunteer

On Saturday April 24, the Levin Foundation is sponsoring a *Celebrating Life and Health* event that allows the community to participate in **free** health screenings, be examined by dentists, receive counseling, obtain health information along with a free meal, there will be door prizes and activities for the children.

Last year this event served 5,000 individuals, this year the Levin Foundation is anticipating an increase to at least 6,000. **They need volunteers to help assist attendees**, no medical experience is required. You may volunteer full or half day, morning or afternoon.

**When:** Saturday, April 24  
**Where:** Sinclair Community College, Ponitz Center  
**Time:** Your choice  
**Who:** Debbie@levinfamilyfoundation.org or call 223-1669.

If you call to volunteer, please let them know you are a member of the League of Women Voters. We want them to know how truly special our members are.



*Don't miss an interesting and important get together*

## ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

**Bergamo Center  
4400 Shakertown Road**

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 22  
10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Look for a reservation form inside this newsletter.

*General Fund***2009- 2010 Leadership  
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\*In-kind contributions

\*\*In kind and monetary contribution

*All elected officials, political entities and candidates are invited to contribute to the LWV. Names appearing on this list do not constitute an endorsement by the LWV which is nonpartisan.*

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Please welcome the newest League members who have joined during the past month.

Georgette Belden \*

Carlene Bennett

Yvonne Curington \*

Robert Yunag \*

The League of Women Voters recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. The LWV affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of America in its membership, leadership and programs.

**Education Fund  
Current Major  
Contributors**

Anonymous (\$1,750)  
Charles Berry (\$5,000)  
The Dayton Bar Association  
Foundation (\$1,000)  
The Dayton Power & Light  
Foundation (\$3,000)  
The Virginia W. Kettering  
Foundation (\$5,000)

**\$90 for 90 Campaign  
Growing Strong**

In celebration of the 90th year of the League of Women Voters GDA, 26 League members have already contributed a total of \$2,340.

Proceeds from \$90 for 90 will support League efforts to promote women's history education in high schools. The first phase of this project will be to provide women's history "spots" to high school libraries in Montgomery and Greene Counties. These "spots" will include books on the suffragist movement as well as books on contemporary women's history; two movies *Ironed Jawed Angels* and *Not for Ourselves Alone*, as well as commemorative posters and other League materials.

This types of material are not currently available in school libraries but are also difficult to find in local bookstores. In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the 19th amendment, this fund is a perfect way to continue the legacy of women working for women through education and positive action.

Current \$90 for 90 members include:

Joan Albrecht  
Judy Baker  
Carolyn Bridgeman  
Susan Byerly  
Bea Delph  
Barb Czestochowa  
Laurie Fanning  
Dona Fletcher  
Susan Harker  
Susan Hesselgesser  
Vivienne Himmell  
Elizabeth Hornbeck  
Janis James  
Sandie Mants  
Viola Matyas  
Ellen McCloskey  
Sally & Millard Mier  
Virgene Moser  
Eileen & Virgil Rehg  
Jan Rudd  
Pat Torvik  
Jim Uphoff  
Louise VanVliet  
Brenda Whitney  
Carol Winslow  
Penny Wolff

Thank you all! Please consider joining us for this very special \$90 for 90

# Thank you

### CATHY BANTZ BASKET DONORS

Spot of Tea - **Dona Fletcher**  
 Julie/Julia - **Susan Byerly**  
 Cup of Java - **Vivienne Himmell**  
 Soapy Clean Car - **Sue Hesselgesser**  
 This and That - **Jayne Soulati**  
 Spa & Bath - **Sue Blanford**  
 Sinclair Basket - **Sinclair Community College / Dona Fletcher**  
 WSU - **WSU Women's Center/Jim Uphoff**

Bouncy Beautiful Hair - **Lee Massoud**  
 How Do Flowers Grow - **Peg Schulz**  
 Soup & More Soup - **Rebecca Jarvi**  
 Ohio State - **Ruth E. Meadow**  
 Kids Stuff - **Jayne Soulati**  
 Body Beautiful - **Sally Mier**  
 Body Prep Treasures - **Vi Matyas**  
 Grilling Fun - **Barbra Buddendeck**

Thank You Baskets for Mary McCarthy and Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner were designed and donated by **Barb Buddendeck and Nancy Adkins**. Also a big thank you to **Jayne Soulati and Ellen McCloskey** for coordinating all the basket donations, the basket display at the luncheon and ticket sales.

Thank you to these community affiliations for their donations:

**Hills and Dales Florist**  
**Siebenthaler Nursery & Garden Center**  
**Sinclair Community College**  
**Square One Salon**  
**Wright State**



### LEAGUE NITE AT THE NEON



A complimentary showing of *Not for Ourselves Alone*, the powerful and inspiring Ken Burns documentary, of the lives of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton was enjoyed by 115 neighborhood guests and League members at the NEON Theater on Wednesday March 24 in a celebration of Women's History Month.

The film focused on the history of Anthony and Stanton and their chance meeting on a street corner in Seneca Falls, New York in 1851; a friendship that ignited a movement that would forever change the lives of women and the history of America.

At intermission attendees were treated to complimentary biscotti, cookies, cheese, fruit, peanuts, and "all you could eat" popcorn provided by League members Barb Buddendeck, Laurie Fanning, Peg Schulz, Brenda Whitney and Susan Hesselgesser.

The movie was met with sighs, laughter, tears and, at times, complete silence; a moving experience that one viewer said had "stayed with her for days and could possibly last a lifetime."

If you would like to view *Not for Ourselves Alone*, former League President Carol Winslow has donated a copy to the League Library. Call the office 228-4041 to reserve this empowering and inspiring film.

### Highlights from Your State League

Your Ohio League of Women Voters is being sought out to give input on legislation — from the drafting stage to legislative hearings and media interviews - on issues including **redistricting, campaign finance reform / transparency, election administration** and **energy conservation**. LWV-Ohio Education Fund has cosponsored six Town Hall Meetings with local Leagues, with a particular focus on the importance and interrelationship of redistricting and the Census.

#### **Be active on issues of government transparency**

Log onto [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org) to get the latest information on:

- How to find your (or any) Ohio legislator by name or district; bills and resolutions before the Ohio Assembly; and bill analysis
- To sign up for Ohio Action Alerts
- How to take action

## **The Latest from the League of Women Voters of the U.S.**

**Global climate change** is one of the most serious threats to the environment, health and economy of our nation. Recent scientific studies show that global warming is already causing environmental changes that will have significant global economic and social impacts.

The League believes that now is the time to act on **global climate change**. We can reduce global warming pollution by using **existing technologies** to make power plants and factories more efficient, make cars go farther on a gallon of gasoline, and shift to cleaner technologies. Cities, states and individuals are already adopting many of these solutions, which also reduce our dependence on oil, reduce air pollution, and protect pristine places from oil drilling and mining. State and local initiatives are proving that answers exist.

To reinforce and expand on those efforts, the **League urges federal action** that reduces global warming pollutants on a national and global scale. LWVUS urges Congress to provide sufficient funds for international programs in 2011.

The League and coalition partners sent a letter to both the House of Representatives and the Senate urging Congress to provide at least the amount proposed by the administration for international programs in 2011. The League is particularly concerned about funding for international adaptation to deal with **global climate change**.

### **LWVUS Sunshine Week**

*From Mary G. Wilson, President, League of Women Voters US*

Spring is around the corner, but clouds still cover much of government and how it operates. That's why each year, the League uses **Sunshine Week** to open the dialogue and urge citizens to get involved with your government. An open and accountable government is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy, and for decades **the League of Women Voters has been on the front lines promoting transparency and accountability.**

Federal agencies are now developing plans to comply with the **Open Government Directive**. **But we must be vigilant as these plans unfold.** That's why we're calling on citizens to help ensure the Obama Administration continues to change the way business is done in our nation's capital.

Locally, the League's grassroots membership continues to be active on issues of government transparency and public participation — operating their **Observer Corps programs, conducting public document audits, and holding town hall meetings.** At every level, transparency and citizen participation are the critical ingredients to ensuring open and **accountable government.**

### Call to Action for Voter Services

***Here is your chance to get to know your candidates and community leaders, plus the absolutely fabulous ladies of the League.  
You can make a big difference in our community with a small contribution by volunteering just a few hours of your time on one of the new***

#### ***Voter Services activities.***

In an effort to better serve our communities, we are forming several new committees. We cordially invite you to participate in any one of the new projects with the League. We are seeking approximately 25 or more League members to fill the much needed manpower to implement and/or expand these programs.

Attached is the list of committees with a ***brief description and estimated time needed*** to serve on each committee. Most committees only require a few hours just one time. Some require more. There's a committee for you--one to fit your lifestyle, your time schedule and your interests. Please let us know which committee you would like to participate on by emailing

Sue Blanford: [sueblanford@yahoo.com](mailto:sueblanford@yahoo.com) or call 294-0092

Sue Byerly: [sbyerly001@woh.rr.com](mailto:sbyerly001@woh.rr.com) or call 885-9156

We look forward to working with you on this important function of the League of Women Voters.

Sue Blanford and Sue Byerly

Co-Directors

Voter Services

#### **Cable TV interviews**

One day of taping each at DATV and MVCC studios from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in late September, 2010. Volunteers commit to one half-day session of 3.5 hours. At least 2-4 volunteers needed.

#### **Meet the Candidate Nights**

Four teams of two to three volunteers each, for tasks of moderator, timekeeper and question collection and review. Volunteers commit to attend scheduled events (usually held in the evening) at various locations in the greater Dayton area. Events usually last 2 hours or more, counting preparation and travel time and occur throughout the month of October, 2010. Also looking for volunteers to be trained to serve as sergeant-of-arms for events that are anticipated to be heavily attended or contentious.

#### **Telephone Election Hotline**

Volunteers needed in League office to answer incoming calls from the public on election related questions. Volunteer time commitment requested is at least a two hour shift during the two days prior to the November 2, 2010 election. A comprehensive guide to basic election FAQs is provided.

#### **Question Committee**

A committee is needed to develop a list of questions for use in cable TV interviews, Meet the Candidate nights and the Voters Guide. This ad hoc committee will meet one time during the summer to develop suitable questions.

#### **Voter Education Committee**

A committee to develop new voter education program ideas that could be implemented in the greater Dayton area. Looking for two to three volunteers to meet during the summer months to discuss variety of voter service activities that would raise public awareness of the League.

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## President's Message

Do you twitter, tweet, blog, or IM? Are you on LinkedIn or Plaxo? Do you have a facebook?

Where do you get your information about League? Does this process work for you? How would you prefer to learn about what's going on in League?

How do you stay abreast of current issues that are of interest to you? Do you Yahoo? Google? Bing? Watch local news? MSNBC? CNN? PBS? The Daily Show? Listen to Talk Radio? Read local or national newspapers? *Time?* *Newsweek?* *People?* *Mother Jones?* *Atlantic Monthly?* *Harpers?* *The Progressive?*

During our annual meeting on May 22, we will be discussing these questions and talking about how we can improve our communication among League members as well as with the

community in general. We know we need to take more advantage of technology, but what do you think are our best options?

In addition to your opinions on our communication methods, we will also be discussing our strategic plan. A few weeks before the annual meeting, you will receive a copy of our current plan. Please read it over and give some thought to what you think about the stated goals of the current plan, and what you think our League's top three goals should be.

And, for new members, there will be a member-orientation discussion. The purpose of this is to give a general overview of the activities, services and programs offered by our local League. Information about how to become more involved

will also be presented as well as an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of board offices and committees.

The final question for the day will be "What do you think is the most important issue for our local League to address in the coming years?"

The answer to these questions and the key points from our discussions will then be used to guide our board during strategic planning sessions to be scheduled in the early fall.

As the League of Women Voters strives to encourage active participation in government, we must first actively participate in our local Leagues. Your attendance at our annual meeting on May 22 is important and very much requested. Hope to see you there!

*Janis*