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**Please save me a seat at the June 4th  
LWVGDA ANNUAL MEETING!  
Luncheon & Meeting \$15.00; Meeting only \$5.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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# The V O T E R

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## Statehouse Day Immerses LWVGDA

By Sharon Harmer, Vivienne Himmell, Valerie Lee

When an intrepid group of Leaguers is willing to head for Columbus early in the morning, and to spend a day among other Leaguers immersed in the issues of the day, you know that it's going to be exciting and exhilarating.

Statehouse Day is such a day. It includes face-to-face conversations with your state legislators and the opportunity to ask direct questions of the Secretary of State. It provides a vehicle to be inspired by discussions of civility, and to be informed about pressing problems facing the state and the country.

A panel discussion of the governor's budget was headed by Timothy Keen, Director of OBM, who outlined the principles covered in the budget. He stated that Ohio is a high tax state, ranking 16<sup>th</sup> in per capita tax income. When adding local taxes, it ranks 33<sup>rd</sup>. The budget preserves the \$800 million income tax cut and increases state support for K-12 and higher education. Amy McGee, of the Health Policy Institute gave a detailed analysis of Medicaid, Ohio's single largest payer of health services, accounting for 30% of state government spending. Further information may be found on their Web site, [www.hpio.net](http://www.hpio.net).

Margaret Hulbert (Advocates for Ohio's Future) pointed out that optional services (vision and dental) had been retained in the governor's budget, and that there is a focus on preventive services. Secretary of State Husted outlined the four strategies on which his office will focus this year: 1), on line voter registration; 2). working in tandem with other state agencies in order to keep voter registration changes up to date; 3).partnering with other states in exchanging address information; and 4). providing on site electronic poll books to check registration. Questions from the audience were answered, and he indicated that district lines should be completed by September if there is to be a March primary.

Afternoon workshops included a detailed discussion on Redistricting, Primary and Secondary Education, The Affordable Care Act, and Criminal Justice Reform.

A detailed report is filed in the office of the League of Women Voters, and can be read in its entirety by calling the office for an electronic or hard copy.

We encourage all members who want a truly informative and energizing day to attend Statehouse Day next year in Columbus.

## League of Women Voters, Sinclair Community College & the RTA Team Up for Civility Forum

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area, Sinclair Community College and the RTA are pleased to bring international renowned expert in civility, **Professor P.M. Forni to Dayton for a lecture on the Rules of Considerate Conduct, Thursday, May 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dr. Forni is a professor at Johns Hopkins University who co-founded the Johns Hopkins Civility Project (JHCP) in 1997. An aggregation of academic and community outreach activities, the JHCP aimed at assessing the significance of civility, manners and politeness in contemporary society. The JHCP has been reconstituted as The Civility Initiative at Johns Hopkins, which Dr. Forni now directs.

Dr. Forni has also authored *Choosing Civility: The Twenty-five Rules of Considerate Conduct* and *The Civility Solution: What to Do When People Are Rude*.

There is no charge and all are encouraged to arrive early to ensure seating. The program will be held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 239 Wayne Ave., Dayton OH. For more information, call or e-mail the League office, 228-4041 or

[leaguedayton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leaguedayton@sbcglobal.net).

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We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the Wise Family and thank them for designating the League for memorial funds. Mary Lou was a long time member and enthusiastic volunteer.

#### **Education Fund**

#### **Current Major Contributors**

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#### **OBSERVER CORPS REPORT**

#### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS, APRIL 14, 2011**

#### **Vivienne Himmell**

The newest representative of the Secretary of State's Office to Region 7 is Jan Kelly, who was a former staff member of the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Deputy Director Betty Smith pointed out some pending legislation that affects voting responsibilities and requirements. They are House Bills 76, 159, and 194 and Senate Bill 148. In a nutshell, these bills cover simplification of provisional balloting, and address the requirement of photo IDs in order to vote in person. The S.B. requires ballot language to be approved by the County Prosecutor. These bills are in discussion at this point and are still subject to modification before a vote is taken.

## Don't Forget LWV's Pre-Mother's Day Adventure

May 7, 2:00 p.m., invite your mom, family members & friends to visit Five River's Metro Park's newest restoration, the Woodman Fen. Conservation Biologist Michael Enright will lead our tour along the family-friendly stroll along the raised boardwalk of this newly restored wetland. The 30-acre fen was formed during the last ice age about 13,000 years ago.

Located in the Belmont neighborhood, take Route 35 east to Woodman Drive, go south on Woodman and turn right on Woodbine Avenue. Go across the railroad tracks and turn left on Russet Avenue. Turn left on Debra Avenue and then immediately right on Amesborough Road. There is parking on the left at the end of Amesborough.

For more information on the fen visit the Metroparks website:

[www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org).

See you there!

## And, while we are remembering MOM...

Plan to give your mom a little something special this year... the gift of women's history. LWVGDA note cards feature the Dayton ladies who led the way to women's rights for the State of Ohio in 1913. These local women traveled to Washington to participate in a nationwide suffragist march especially orchestrated to draw attention away from Woodrow Wilson's inauguration and, instead, shine a light on the need for equal rights for American women. These amazing ladies are also the founding mothers of our own League of Women Voters, GDA. Their vision and determination allowed Dayton Ohio to be the home of one of the first League of Women Voters in the nation. Printed on antique parchment, in sepia style, there are eight cards in a package for only \$10. Contact the League office 228-4041 to order this very special gift for the very special women in your life.

## Policy Matters... Toledo Charter School Re-opening Skirts Ohio Law

Weak oversight continues to undermine Ohio's charter school sector, allowing charter management companies to evade the law with little or no accountability. This release documents how the Leona Group, a Phoenix-based, for-profit management firm, skirted Ohio law by opening a new school to replace one closed by the state. Paul Laurence Dunbar Academy, a K-8 school in Toledo operated by the Leona Group, appeared on the states closure list because of its poor academic record and was required to shut down by June 2010. But by July 2, 2010, the Leona Group had taken steps to open a new school, Northpointe Academy, at the same address with the same phone number and much of the same staff. Leona operates nine schools in Ohio. For more information on this and other important issues go to [www.policymattersohio.org](http://www.policymattersohio.org)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 Time: 6:30 p.m.

May 7—Mother's Day Walk at the Woodman Fen  
 Amesborough Rd., Dayton OH  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.

June 4—LWVGDA Annual Meeting  
 Bergamo Center

Board of Director Meetings (10th Floor CR, Talbott Tower, 5:30 pm)

- May 16,
- June 20,
- July 18
- August 15
- Sept. 19
- October 17
- November 2

***Don't miss an interesting and important get together***  
**ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON**

**Bergamo Center  
 4400 Shakertown Road**

**Saturday, June 4  
 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Look for a reservation form on the back cover of this newsletter