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KETTERING-OAKWOOD UNIT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

KETTERING-MORAINÉ LIBRARY, 3496 Far Hills Ave.

Topic

HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

A Committee of the League will present its findings of several months in-depth study of this issue to be presented to voters on the ballot November 6th.

This meeting is open to ALL League Members AND to the Public

Information will be presented about the benefits and costs of the proposed levy. Other meetings on this topic may be presented later in the month.

If you have any questions about this meeting or other opportunities to hear about this topic, call Sandy Nearing at 298-9168 or the League office at 228-4041.

COME AND BE INFORMED. BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU.
 WE NEED INFORMED VOTERS AT THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER.

**League Book Club
September Meeting**



Book: *American Indian, American Justice*
 by Vine Deloria, Jr. and Clifford M. Little

Location: Barnes & Noble
 Rte. 725 & Mad River Rd across from the Dayton Mall

Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

The LWV Book Club is a forum for open discussion. All viewpoints and opinions are welcome. Opinions expressed by Book Club participants are their own and do not reflect the opinions or positions held by the League of Women Voters.

Reservations are encouraged, but not necessary. Register at womenvotersmeetup.com

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Membership Updates

New membership books will be on their way to all League members soon. Be sure to watch for them. Please WELCOME the newest League members who have joined over the summer months.

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Report to the Community

We hope that you, our members and contributors, will enjoy reading the enclosed Report to the community which highlights our accomplishments last year. We could not have served the community so well without your support.

We thank the University of Dayton President's office and the Fitz Center for Leadership in the Community for their generous in-kind contribution of the layout and printing of our *Report*.

Recent Donations Appreciated**General Fund**

Thank you to the following who have made a contribution to the League's General Fund [a 501(c)(4) entity] since our last *Voter*.

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Charles Berry

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Tom & Judith Thompson

(in memory of Julie Triftshouser)

Dayton League members support LWVO Phonathon

More than 75 Dayton League members responded to the LWVO Phonathon campaign with a pledged donation. The state League reports that to date they have raised close to \$40,000 of their \$50,000 goal. We appreciate everyone's support in making follow-up phone calls and for supporting the state League's fundraising effort. The Phonathon supports our state League, but local Leagues receive a 15% rebate from each local member's Phonathon contribution. The Dayton League received rebate checks in the amount of \$156 for our Education Fund and \$379.65 for our General Fund. Our members are the greatest!

IN MEMORY OF

The League would like to extend an expression of sympathy to the family and friends on the death in July of a past member of League, Julie Triftshouser. Julie was a very active member of the League for more than 30 years and many remember her hard work on the annual *Voters Guide* among her other League activities. Julie and her husband, Werner, continued to support the League with financial donations over the years since she left active membership. She will be missed by many community organizations and friends who knew and benefited from her work.

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.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization, which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The *Voter* is published monthly, except July, August and December by the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area (LWVGDA), Talbott Tower, Suite 1208, 131 N. Ludlow Street, Dayton, OH 45401-1703. Office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Phone (937) 228-4041 and (937) 372-4148; FAX: (937) 228-4104; E-mail: league@lwwdayton.org; web address: www.lwwdayton.org
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Bill Moyer videos in League Library

New to the LWV Library are two VCR tapes of Bill Moyer's NOW shows, originally featured on PBS. The tapes include information on political advertisement and the media. The two tapes are Bill Moyer's NOW programs that originally aired in May 14, 2004 and August 20, 2004. Contact the League office if you wish to borrow the tapes for viewing.



Program about Media Literacy in October

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 8th from 7-8:30 p.m., for the Media Literacy General Meeting to be held at Sinclair Community College, Building 13. Parking is available under the building.

The meeting will feature Dr. John Splaine. He is an Associate Professor Emeritus, Boston College and CSPAN consultant. Dr. Splaine will discuss the use of media in politics. LWV is extending an invitation to Kid's Voting students, the public and local colleges.

See you October 8th!

Kettering City Council (June 12, 26; July 10, 24; August 14 - Mickey Gogle)

June 12 agenda items included:

- Replacing the bridge on Patterson Road at Acorn Drive
- Hiring an agent to obtain sponsorships for the Frazee Pavillion and the Parks and Recreation and Cultural Arts department.
- Doubling the space for the Kettering Connection area at Town and Country Shopping Center.

June 26 meeting, the Kettering City Council authorized the city manager to:

- accept money from the Parks Foundation to provide financial assistance for special needs children of low-income Kettering families to attend Camp Discovery.
- acquire by the right of eminent domain a property on South Dixie that is in the process of bank foreclosure and is needed to finish the Dorothy Lane / South Dixie Project.

The Council also heard:

- complaint from a resident about trucks and equipment being used by a neighbor to run a business out of his home.
- an appeal from a couple whose five pet chickens had been disallowed by the zoning board.

July 10 meeting was attended by approximately 30 members of Citizens Against Regional Dispatch. Two representatives of this group spoke against Kettering joining the Regional Dispatch Center. The group has turned in petitions with more than 4,000 signatures, hoping to get the question on the November ballot in Kettering. Other business included:

- The County Auditor asked the City Council to help get the word out about the expanded Homestead Tax Reduction Program that was enacted July 1st. With the removal of the income restriction to apply for a Homestead Tax Reduction, an estimated 4,500 Kettering residents who are over age 65 or permanently disabled are now eligible to apply for the tax reduction. Deadline for applying is October 1, 2007.

July 24 meeting the Kettering City Council voted to:

- levy a 6 mill tax for all purposes of the city. This is not a new levy but one that has been renewed annually since 1958.
- submit 3 applications to the State Capital Improvement Fund for 2 bridge replacements and for resurfacing Dorothy Lane near the South Dixie intersection.
- commend the Finance Director and staff for receiving an award from the State Auditor for being in the top 5% of agencies in the state for excellence in financial accountability.

August 14 meeting agenda items included:

- Report from Kettering's Law Department that reviewed the petition from the Citizens Against Regional Dispatch to place the question on the November ballot. The report concluded that the submitted petition was not "proper subject matter" for an initiative petition and it will not be forwarded to the Board of Elections for placement on the ballot.
- City Manager reported that following a review of the proposed Regional Dispatch System plan that it did not appear to be in the best interest of the City of Kettering to participate. The primary objections were that the program was under the control of the Montgomery County Sheriff rather than a shared governance and there was no guarantee of improved service to the community. The Council voted to withdraw from the Regional Dispatch program.

Centerville City Council (July 16; August 20 - Viola Matyas)

June 12 agenda items included:

- Councilman Doug Cline will, for the third time, lead a group of volunteers to Slidel, Louisiana, where they will gut houses that were destroyed in Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers being actively recruited.
- Centerville Police Force received its national accreditation and given "Flagship Agency" status.
- A public hearing was held on a change in the ordinance to inspect rental property every two years. Owners must notify tenants prior to inspection and refusals of entry must be penalized by owners.
- Joint financial-feasibility study between Centerville and Washington Township, done by the University of Toledo, will be finished by the fourth quarter.

August 20 meeting included the following items:

- Announcement of a public hearing on Sept. 17 to enact a hotel/motel tax on Greene County properties
- Approved the appeal of a builder of 40 condo units to not be required to build a long extension road around the development. Instead a bridge and short extension road will be built.
- ~~Extended a 6 month moratorium on display signs with changeable copy, LED and electronic components.~~

Yellow Springs Village Council (August 6, 20 - Sally Mier)

Discussion items included:

- The impending closure of Antioch College in the spring of 2008. A student from Wittenberg is reviewing and preparing a study about the impact of the closure on the village economy. The Antioch Trustees have invited resident participation at a planned Trustee meeting to be held in the near future. The President of the Village Council has been specifically invited to attend. Other agenda items included:
- Land use as outlined in the village comprehensive plan
- The need for guidelines to outline responsibilities / liability and financial obligations for Village owned property that is used by others (e.g. Greene County Yellow Springs Branch Library)
- A citizen comment form was initiated to facilitate community comment during a council meeting.

Beavercreek Township (June 18 - Rebecca Jarvi)

1. A resident's request for the creation of a three-way stop at an intersection on Factory Road was denied.
2. A price of \$1.98 million has been agreed on for the sale of Gosinger Park to the Beavercreek School Board. The sale contract will stipulate that the land cannot be resold for anything other than recreational or educational uses for the next 25 years.
3. The Township will levy a 3% excise tax on hotel guest accommodation transactions.
4. Greene County Education Specialist Gussie Jones asked the Trustees for a letter of approval and recommendation to be attached to a grant request for funding assistance from the Kellogg Corporation for building a fully accessible playground on 7.2 acres within Victory Park.
5. Purchase of an advance support fire engine with Emergency Medical Service (EMS) capability will be funded through a new capital equipment fund. A levy renewal of two mills for five years (to be on the tax lists for 2008, to begin collection in 2009) will be on the November ballot .
6. A new member of the Beavercreek Zoning Commission was approved for an appointment that lasts until 2012. Since the Zoning Commission is made up of local citizens who may not have prior experience with zoning issues, Zoning Inspector Victoria Long recommended that the Township pay the \$50 cost of an Ohio State distance- learning course that would be good training for zoning commission members.
7. A request from the City of Beavercreek to share the expense of additional roof repair on the Senior Center was held for further clarification.

Kettering School Board (August 7 - Onnolee Mills)

A resolution to put a 4.9 mill school tax levy on the ballot in November was passed unanimously. The Board reduced costs by \$2 million this summer in order to keep the levy at 4.9 mills. A Kettering resident addressed the board with concerns regarding the need for another levy so soon after the tax for building improvements two years ago.

Montgomery County Board of Elections (June 26 & July 31 - Sandie Mants)

Director Steve Harsman commented that the staff has prepared and conducted 12 elections (general and special) within the past 16 month time frame. The summer months are being used for staff training and gearing up for the November 6th, 2007 election. The last special election was a mayoral election in Moraine on July 10th, following another recall. There is speculation that still another recall petition is currently being circulated in the Moraine area against another council member.

The board is following the progress of possible statewide petitions for issues to be placed on the November 6th ballot. As petitions are circulated in the Dayton area, the board staff is responsible for verifying the signatures and reporting to the Secretary of State. There are three possible statewide issues that may make it to the fall ballot on the topics of school financing, adult oriented businesses and a community defense act.

There was been recent publicity about a controversy related to the board's attempt to utilize a new marketing tool for the recruitment of new poll workers. A Day for Democracy program has been promoted to area businesses and organizations as a poll worker recruitment effort. Part of the plan included conversations about poll workers being allowed to wear a shirt bearing a company's logo as a way to acknowledge the organization's participation in the program. A non profit pro-life organization has made it known that they intend to recruit poll workers and encourage them to wear shirts with a pro-life logo while they are working as poll workers. This has caused much community discussion and the Board of Elections board members are now reviewing the entire Day for Democracy program. Discussions have centered on the "integrity of the polling location" and the potential confusion for voters that this particular part of the program could create. A final decision was tabled until all Board members (one board member was absent for the July meeting) could be present for a vote.

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President's Message

With over 1000 potential candidates in the Miami Valley area, the activities relating to November elections are already in full swing. Preparations for the *Voters Guide* and cable candidate interviews have begun, requests for assistance with candidate meetings and speaking engagements have begun rolling in. It promises to be the typical busy fall in Montgomery and Greene Counties!

Over the summer, a research committee (headed by Carolyn Bridgman) looked into the proposed Human Services Levy

for Montgomery County. Their findings and recommendations resulted in your Board voting to endorse the upcoming levy under our local Human Resources positions. We will be listed as supporters of the levy, which means all of you may be asked about details relating to the issue.

So that you can answer such questions, we strongly urge you to attend local units that will explain the topic. Kettering/Oakwood has already set their meeting. We are trying to set up others in southwestern Montgomery County, Dayton, Centerville, and

Northern Montgomery County. You will be notified if there is one in your area. Please attend the one near you! All of us need to be informed on this issue as well as represent the League well.

This is the time of year when League is most visible. Take a friend to an issues meeting, governmental meeting, candidate night or other activity reflecting our interests. We have long been dedicated to having educated citizens.

Let's show that we mean it!

Sharon