

VOTER

“In League” Welcome!

Please welcome
the following new
members to the
LWVCC in
FEBRUARY

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Preparing our Community to be a great place to Age.

Between now and 2020, the number of Americans 50 to 64 years old will increase by 13 million, and those 65 and older by 18 million. As you grow older, will Clermont County be livable for you? Your League's February 26th program will explore this topic with Mary Makley Wolff, League Member and Executive Director of Citizens for Eldely Services, Inc.

Eighty nine percent of older persons surveyed by AARP stated that they want to remain at home and in their communities as they age. Your ability, or that of your parents, to move about a community, maintain a home, access goods and services, and retain strong social ties is directly impacted by local planning and community design decisions. Common results of poor community planning (e.g. inadequate public transit, dispersed housing, segregated from neighborhood retail stores, limited pedestrian access, inap-

propriate housing stock) are barriers to older persons' independence.

Mary's presentation will feature the AARP's National Livable Communi-



ties Initiative and what is happening in Clermont County as a result of being selected as one of 10 communities nationwide to participate. AARP's Livable Communities is designed to offer guidance to planners on how to better understand, evaluate and plan for the needs of older adults. AARP defines a livable community as "one that has affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and services, and adequate

mobility options, which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life." Being a Livable Community can reduce the number of people feeling forced to move into assisted living facilities or nursing homes while they are still capable of living independently.

AARP's vision of a livable community is more than a goal. It is a wakeup call to baby boomers and their parents to become involved in their communities. We hope this program, and AARP's focus on these issues, encourages you to action .

The February 26th meeting takes place at Reception Conference Center East. The Optional Dinner is at 6:00 at a cost of \$15. Please think about coming for dinner if you haven't tried it yet! The business meeting, including the featured presentation, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Register on line at www.lwvclermont.co, or by calling or e-mailing Carol Glotfelter at 943-9429 or glotfelter@fuse.net

Candidates Forum



Commissioner Candidates: Archie Wilson, Theresa Conover, Alex Lambros, Mary Walker and Ed Humphrey



Mae Hanna, UC, Clermont,, Archie Wilson, Theresa Conover, Alex Lambros, Mary Walker, Ed Humphrey, and Cyndy Wright, LWV President

February 5, 2008 The League of Women Voters Clermont, assisted by UC Clermont hosted a Candidates forum for over 150 concerned citizens who braved the cold for an opportunity to become better informed voters during the upcoming March primary.

Commissioner Candidates Archie Wilson, Theresa Conover, Alex Lambros, Mary Walker and Ed Humphrey answered questions concerning their positions on ethics, growth, the economy of Clermont County



LWV members Amy Brewer and LWV President Cyndy Wright screen questions for candidate

Federal Immigration Policy and Proposed

As the US League of Women Voters wraps up this month on a two-year Immigration study, your local league is planning our March 25th program on Immigration. Alice Gerdeman of the International Center for Peace and Justice will present this program that will address such topics as - Who are the immigrants around us? What rights do immigrants have? What responsibilities do U.S. citizens have? What is the present law? What services are available to immigrants?

Founded in 1985, ICPJ is a coalition of faith-based organizations and individuals who work together to educate around justice issues, take collaborative action and do public witness. They address local, national and international concerns focusing on economic justice, women's issues, human rights, racial equality, peace and the environment. Among its founding goals are to collaborate with other concerned groups for stronger public witness and impact on justice and peace issues, and to plan and carry out programs of education and action which affect structural injustice.

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Cyndy's Corner...

Happy 88th Anniversary League! LWV celebrated its 88th "birthday" on February 14th. How sweet it is!

I have an attitude of gratitude for the work of the League over the past month. And, an attitude of gratitude raises the latitude of any organization!

Voter Registration Drive:

Thank you to **Liz Fiene, Clermont County Public Library** for spearheading the Voter Registration Drive! Thank you to all of

the librarians, staff and LWVCC members, current and former, who helped make this 2 week blitz a success. The count was **401 new**

and updated registrations. And these registrations were received in time to coincide with the deadline to for the March 4th Primary election.

Thank you to **Judge Bob Ringland** for an excellent program in January on Judicial reform. The evening was very informative.

Commissioner's Candidate Night on February 7th :

Thank you **Mae Hanna and Dean McDonough, UC-Clermont** for co-

sponsoring the event with LWVCC. The venue was perfect and you were such gracious hosts. Thank you to the **UC-Media students** who volunteered their time to record the event. I hear your production is much in demand! Thank you, **League of Women Voters, Cincinnati Area members, Burt Roehr, Ann Gilton, Rina Saperstein-President, and Bets Evanshine** for your attendance and support. **Burt and Ann** did a fabulous job of moder-

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ating. I know I really appreciated their presence during the evening. Please let us know how we can reciprocate. Thank you, LWVCC members and supporters for stepping up to serve as greeters, question gatherers, screeners and time-keepers: **Jackie Hartley, Donna Hammons, Joyce Richardson, Nancy Middleton, Marti Kleinfelter, Karen Scherra, Candy Gabriel, Amy Brewer, Cathy Gatch, Glenda Neff, Cyn Macke, Mae Hanna, Jane Sonnen-**

shein, and Karen Huff. Thank you to the 150 plus citizens who attended. Thank you to the 5 Candidates for Commissioner who fully participated in the process of the evening: **Theresa Conover, Ed Humphrey, Alex Lambros, Mary Walker and Archie Wilson.**

Website Under Construction:

Better than ever. LWVCC is working with the media group and students at **Live Oaks Career Center** under the direction of **Terri Rothfuss** for a new website design. We will unveil the new, updated look at our **Annual Meeting on May 20, 2008.** Don't miss it.

Remember to mark your calendars for the 4th Tuesday of each month for our General Meeting. Get program updates at www.lwvclermont.com.

I close on this frigid February morning wishing you warmth in your homes and hearts, no lack of wiper fluid to clean your windshield when you need it most and **an attitude of gratitude to raise the latitude** of your hopes, your dreams and your accomplishments.

Cyndy Wright,
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**2008 General Meetings
and Programs**

**February 26, 2008 - Making our Community a
Great Place to Age**
Location: Receptions East • Time: 6:00 – 8:30

March 25, 2008 - Immigration Study
Location & Time: To be Announced

**April 22, 2008 - Redistricting Reform & Campaign
Finance Reform**
Location & Time: To be announced

May 20, 2008 - Annual Meeting
Location: Receptions East • Time: 6:00 – 8:30

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www.lwvclermont.com
or mail reservations to
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Membership Form

Please mark one:

- \$65 Individual
- \$85 Dual (2 adults same household)
- \$99 Family \$25 Student

Name: _____

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Occupation: _____

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