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“Planning for Growth” Land Use Plan selected as Clermont League Study Topic

“In League”
Welcome for
November

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The study of governmental issues is one of the basic functions of the League of Women Voters. With the eyes of the nation focused on the election process and candidate and issues debates, attention to the League of Women Voters is high. Conducting a local issue study has enormous potential to increase membership visibility and support.

It has been a number of years since the Clermont League has conducted an in-depth study, taking a look at our immediate surroundings and discussing issues confronting us today or likely to confront us tomorrow. Following a few opportunities for League members and community members to vote on the following three topics:

- Clermont County’s “Planning for Growth” Land Use Plan
- Clermont County’s Mental Health Care Needs
- The Foreclosure Crisis and its Impact on the Clermont Community

“Planning for Growth” Land Use Plan will be introduced as our study topic at our next regular monthly meeting on November 18th.

The League’s process for study has

acquired a solid reputation for its in-depth and unbiased exploration of an issue submitted to its grassroots membership for informed discussion. During this exploration, members draw on balanced, pro/con materials, develop their own resources, turn to technical experts and public officials for information, and reach out to the community through public meetings, surveys and media coverage.

A local study is well within the capabilities of a League of any size. Remember, we are a grassroots organization that relies on its members to conduct this study. Please consider being part of the leadership team for this exciting study. Contact Cyn Macke , 553-7349 or isaacmacke@fuse.net, to indicate your commitment to the study.

The November 18th meeting will be held at Receptions. Dinner begins at 6:00 and the meeting at 7:00. Please register online at www.lwvclermont.com, or by calling 831-2997 or by e-mailing mkleinfelter@cinci.rr.com. As with all league meetings, this meeting is open to the general public. Please encourage those you know would be interested in the Land Use Plan Study Topic to attend.

Member Spotlight: Jesse Dunbar

Full Name: Jesse Cat Dunbar, League Member, Political Consultant, Father and Reds Fan



Birthplace: Cincinnati, OH

Birthdate: 11/24/72

Family: 8-year old Jackson and 2 cats, Reuben and Dunajo

Home: New Richmond

Tell us your league story.

I have worked as a political consultant since 2002 working with candidates and issues. I am currently working on the campaign of 2nd Congressional District Independent candidate, David Krikorian. While I was working on the casino ballot issue in 2006 I spoke on the casino ballot issue at

the Clermont League's Candidate & Issues Night. I am a friend of Amy Brewer's. She talked to me about the league; I like what the league represents, so I joined.

What is your favorite thing to do in Cincinnati?

Go to a Reds game or the Zoo with my 8-year old son, Jackson

What is your favorite restaurant and where is it located?

Knotty Pine on the Bayou overlooking the Licking River

What was the last movie you saw in a movie theater?

Batman Dark Knight

What is your favorite holiday?

Opening Day

If you could travel anywhere in the

world, where would you go?

Israel – to the base of world religion

What is your favorite television show?

American Justice and the President's Series on the History Channel

Would you rather go to a Reds game or a Bengals game?

Refer to favorite thing to do and favorite holiday above!

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Cape Cod, Hot Springs, Lexington, Louisville and Savannah

What was the last live concert you attended?

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

What is the best gift you ever received?

My son!

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to LWVCC member Eve Enders and her daughters on the loss of her husband/their father, Don. Don passed peacefully on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

CALLING TREE

I have been asked to send out this plea by Tricia Louis, our Internal Communications Director. Tricia needs to recruit a few good women and men to make about 5 phone calls a month to other League Members reminding them of our important meetings and calendar dates. It won't take much time; just a phone, a friendly voice and a reminder to fellow leaguers of our general meeting date, time, location and topic! How simple! And the more of you that volunteer, the fewer phone calls everyone has to make!

Wouldn't it be nice to deliver a friendly reminder call? You might be the recipient of timely conversation with an old friend or perhaps a new one.

If you are interested in volunteering for this short-term, limited-time commitment, volunteer, support your league activity, please feel free to email Tricia at tricia-lou3677@yahoo.com or call her at 752-3677.

Voter Services

By Glenda Neff

It's been a whirlwind month for Voter Services with events for a variety of age groups.

Programs began with UC Clermont's Visionary Scholars and Leaders, which held its Government and Civic Engagement class during the first week of UC's fall quarter. The program, in its first year, is a collaboration of UC Clermont and Clermont 20/20 to develop college-age leaders in the community. We presented voter information to the students, including the wide variety of non-partisan League of Women Voters resources.

LWV also had a display table at the "Political Party" for Clermont Connections in October. Clermont Connections is a newly-formed group of young professionals seeking to shape and influence the continued growth of

Clermont County by offering networking, professional development and volunteer activities. The organization had a buffet dinner at Receptions and a non-partisan event detailing policy statements of the two major presidential candidates. We had the opportunity to hand out LWV literature and speak with group members who were discussing local and state issues following the main program.

LWV volunteers were instrumental in the success of Look to Clermont's annual Government and Infrastructure Day on October 8. Each year, this program reaches more than 20 high school students nominated by each school district in Clermont County. The year-long leadership program is sponsored by Clermont 20/20 Inc. and UC Clermont.

LWV member Loretta Rokey, city manager of Milford, served on a panel of local govern-

ment leaders in the morning session. The students eagerly greeted LWV President Cyndy Wright, who brought pizza for their lunch. The afternoon program on civic engagement featured a bi-partisan group of leaders, including LWV members Jane Sonenshein and Amy Brewer, 2008 Suffragist Event Chair.

On a scale of 1-5, the program received a 4.9 rating from the students, along with some of these comments:

"I believe that all Americans should have a better overall understanding of how our government functions. This can change opinions when it comes to politics. Thank you for this enlightening experience!"

"Today I learned how to get more involved with my local government and not be afraid to voice an opinion."

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Bring a Prospective Member to the League Holiday Celebration

This election season, with the historic presidential and vice presidential candidates, with voter turnout over the top, with such controversy over Acorn and Ohio's register and vote the same day issue, provides us with quite an opportunity to recruit new League members. And what a better event to introduce them to the League than our festive Holiday Celebration.

The Holiday Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Eastgate. The Milford High School Show Choir, under the direction of Lyn Blake, will entertain us with their special medley entitled "Christmas from the Heart".

Marty Martin, with the new Women's Maternity Home of Teen Challenge, will join us for the evening to share with our members and guests the good work that this faith-based residential home is doing for

pregnant young women in desperate circumstances. If you would like to learn more about Teen Challenge and their Women's Maternity Home prior to our holiday party, please visit their website at www.teenchallengecincinnati.org.

Soon after opening, the Women's Maternity Home held a House Warming Party in September, where the community was invited to come and learn more about their programs and services and to donate basic household items to help in their operation. Our League has the opportunity to add to the many items that are still needed at our Holiday Celebration. The Women's Maternity Home is registered for many household items that are still needed at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Target. Here is the information that you need to know for the registries.

Bath & Beyond - First Name (Teen Challenge) - Last Name (Teen Chal-

lenge) - Registry #5471935

Macy's - First Name (Teen) - Last Name (Challenge)

Target - List ID #012139300000019

In the spirit of the season, please bring a gift for the Women's Maternity Home to the holiday party.

If you are not able to attend the Holiday Celebration, and would like to give a gift to the Women's Maternity Home, please contact any of your Board Members and we will work out arrangements to get your gift to the holiday party.

And yes, there is food! The Holiday Celebration will include dinner. The cost of the event is \$25 and reservations are requested no later than Thursday December 11. You may register on line at www.lwvclermont.com by phone at 831-2997 or by e-mail at mkleinfelter@cinci.rr.com. And don't forget to bring a friend.

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"I learned a lot more about leadership that I can use for a long time. I am considering getting involved in public service now.

For an October 24 program on the two county commission races, the Clermont Chamber of Commerce tapped LWV members to coordinate the presentation. LWV President Cyndy Wright moderated the four-candidate event. Members Amy Brewer, Linda Pilon, Yvette Duquay, Cyn Macke, and Julie Graybill helped everything run smoothly by gathering questions, screening them, and serving as timekeepers for the event.

The final event of the month was our own Candidate & Issues Night on October 28 with more than 20 candidates and issues presentations to 85 attendees. Cyndy Wright again served as moderator for the event. A variety of volunteers were responsible for the program's success, including Amy Brewer, Marti Kleinfelter, Cyn Macke, Linda Pilon, Karen Scherra, Yvette Duquay and Eve Enders.

A special thanks goes to Tom Rocklin, who organized a barrage of e-mails, documents and links into election information on our website, www.lwvclermont.com, so visitors could make informed decisions on candidates and issues in the November 4 election.

Cyndy's Corner...

It is with much sadness, we say goodbye to an old friend, mentor and valued League member. Sue Craig, peacefully passed away October 14. Sue promoted voter education through the League Of Women Voters. She achieved her life-long dream of obtaining a college degree after she retired from Procter & Gamble



where she worked for more than 25 years, starting as a key punch operator and finishing her successful career as a senior systems analyst. Sue was active in her church and in her community. Memorials can be made to the University Hospital Foundation: Brain Tumor Patient Care Fund, University Hospital Foundation, 234 Goodman St., ML 0700, Cincinnati, OH 45219-2316 or you can make a donation online by going to:

www.universityhospitalcincinnati.com/UHFoundation. Click on "Make a Donation Now".

This fund was Sue's last project. She worked with the University Hospital Foundation to establish this fund for the enrichment of the lives of all brain cancer patients.

The following is an excerpt from the September 2007 Voter.

In ceremonies on August 28, 2007, Sue Craig was named the 11th recipient of the prestigious Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award. Sue was chosen from among 13 honorees at the Suffragist Dinner and Golden Anniversary Celebration of the League of Women Voters of Clermont County. Sue, who has served the league at the local, state and national levels, was applauded by family and friends. Her accomplishments in volunteering her time and energy to the community for civic causes are many including starting "Civic Week" at UC-Clermont in 1991, a tradition that continues to day. "I felt so humbled and so honored to receive this award," said Sue. She continued, "I have received other awards over the years, but this one is by far the most meaningful to me. I will display it proudly. Thanks especially to Cathy (Gatch-Milford Pottery) for the pottery plates.

I feel blessed to have met so many 'interested and interesting' women (and yes, a few men, too) and secondly, the opportunity to be engaged in projects that were so much fun. My life has been so enriched by my experiences at local, state and national League over the years."

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2008-09 General Meetings

- November 18th** Conducting a Local Study
- December 16th** Holiday Party, Holiday Inn
- January 27th** Homeland Security Working at Home - Beth Nevel, Director, County Emergency Services
- February 24th** Agenda 360
Kevin R. Ghassomian, ESQ.
Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC
- March 24th** Education, A Look at the Governor's New Initiatives
- April 28th** To be Announced
- May 19** Annual Meeting

General Meetings will be held at Receptions, East unless otherwise noted

It's Time to Renew: 2008—2009

Please mark one:

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

Name: _____

Additional Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: _____ (home) Phone: _____ (office)

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Occupation: _____

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