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Denise Strimple**

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Welcome for
September

Mary Mark

Andrea Enders**

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2008 Candidate & Issues Night

Tuesday, October 28

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Receptions Conference Center, Eastgate

Make plans now to stay informed by attending the Candidate & Issues Night sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Clermont County

Invited participants include:

Issues presentations:

Clermont County Public Library/levy
Great Oaks Institute of Technology
and Career Development/levy

Clerk/Common Pleas Court:

Gregg Conrad, Barb Wiedenbein

Commissioner:

Theresa Conover, Ed Humphrey

Commissioner:

Thomas Auxier, Bob Proud

Coroner:

Brian Treon

Engineer:

Patrick Manger

Judge/Court of Appeals:

Bruce Carter, Robert Ringland

Judge/Court of Appeals:

Laura Curliss, Robert Hendrickson

Juvenile/Probate Judge:

Stephanie Wylar

Ohio House of Representatives,

66th District: Joe Uecker

Ohio House of Representatives,

88th District: Danny Bubp

Ohio Senate, District 14:

M. Ann Leach, Gregory Napolitano,
Tom Niehaus

State School Board, 10th District:

Jeff Hardin, John McHenry, Jane
Sonenshein

Prosecutor:

Don White

Recorder:

Deborah Clepper, Terry McCoy

Sheriff:

Albert J. “Tim” Rodenberg Jr.

Treasurer:

J. Robert True

U.S. Representative, 2nd District:

James Condit, David Krikorian, Jean
Schmidt, Victoria Wulsin.

Cost: \$10.00

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will
be available during program.

Social time: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Issues and Candidate presentations
with audience questions as time
permits

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register and pay online at

www.lwvclermont.com

or email Marti Kleinfelter at

mkleinfelter@cinci.rr.com

or phone :513-831-2997



Member Spotlight: Yvette Duguay

Biography

Born: Janette Yvette Duguay (returned to maiden name in 1995)

Date of Birth: March 1, 1943
Single since 1983

Children: Lisa Roller and Jennifer Wallace

One Grandchild: John Micheal Roller, age 10

Tell us your "league" story. Why/How/Who got you involved?

In 1964, My husband was stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C. and I was a student at University of South Carolina. We needed to vote by absentee ballot. I wrote to the League of Women Voters in Flint, Michigan for objective information about candidates and issues as that is where my parents were then living. They were prompt, generous with data, and very useful. I determined then to someday belong if I could.

Meeting Nancy Middleton at the Chamber dinner the year before my retirement seemed to be a bit of Providence to me.

Please define community.

Community consists of the people who live in a limited geographical area and who share a government to set the rules or laws and who support that government with taxes or the means to govern or allocate the benefits. When people obey the laws and take care of their property, the whole community benefits. A community is as nice as the people who live there.

How are you involved in your community?

I pay my taxes, vote, participate in civic activities, take care of my property, recycle and belong to the League of Women Voters. I also try to help keep my neighborhood clean.

What is your favorite thing to do in the greater Cincinnati area?

Cincinnati is a safe place and small enough to enjoy fully. I enjoy attending plays at Playhouse in the Park

and at Aronoff Center. But there are good plays and musicals at high schools and colleges all over town. Eastern Hills Community Theater puts on great shows at Anderson Civic Center. The free concerts at the Union Township Civic Center are great fun too. The Art Museum and Conservatory at Eden Park are the places to go for color and culture whenever one needs just that. Going to New Richmond or Woodland Mound to just plain enjoy looking at the Ohio River is always fun to do.

What is your favorite restaurant and where is it located? Moyers Winery and Restaurant near Manchester, OH on Hwy 52 & Ohio River/ I enjoy the drive to get there and enjoy sitting on the deck and watching barges or river traffic, while having a great lunch.

What is your favorite holiday? I like whichever holiday is coming in the near future, as it is an excuse to decorate and add color to the house. But, I think I really need Easter and Christmas along with Lent and Advent to stay balanced and connected in a deeper, more spiritual concept.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go? I would like to travel to spend a month in St. Malo, France and two weeks on the isle of Jersey in the English Channel, as my ancestors on both sides came from those places.

What is your favorite television show? I'm addicted to the news and try to observe different interpretations of main stories. I do like An-

tiques Roadshow and Bill Moyer's Journal.

Would you rather go to a Bengals game or a Reds game? I like the Bengals and Reds equally. However, they are each better if there is a chance that the team might actually win..

What is your favorite vacation spot? In my family, it is well known that Yvette can work all year long as long as she spends one week north of Clare, Michigan and within sight of one of the Great Lakes.

What was the last live concert you attended? I attended a concert at the Union Township Civic Center recently. I also have season tickets for the Cincinnati Pops this season.

What is the best gift you ever received? I grew up in a bilingual home. We spoke both French and English. My brothers and I were really blessed to really understand and appreciate our culture and to get the best of both worlds. A lot of my parents' friends were influenced by teachers and the culture of the 1940's and '50's to only speak English at home. Their children can understand some French, but can't speak it. They couldn't really speak with their first cousins as children or to really converse with grandparents and older relatives. My brothers and I have been able to speak with Francophones from all over the world, and knowing French helped us with our English too. We were more successful in school than the monolinguals too

Dee Dee Myers and Karl Rove to speak at NKU

Key advisors to the past two presidents are the featured speakers at this year's NKU Alumni Lecture Series. Dee Dee Myers, who served as press secretary to President Clinton and recently authored the book, "Why Women Should Rule the World", and Karl Rove, President George W. Bush's former deputy chief of staff and one of his top advisors will talk about their former jobs and this year's presidential race during their joint lecture at 6:00 p.m. October 9 in the ballroom of NKU's new student union. The alumni lecture series is open to the public and tickets can be purchased online at lumni.nku.edu. Tickets are \$40 (\$35 for NKU alumni, faculty and staff) and \$10 for students. For more information call 859-572-5370.

Voter Registration Deadline October 6, 2008!

Cyndy's Corner...

By now you should have received your 2008-2009 LWVCC Membership Renewal Invoice in the mail. (Where has another year gone?). I received an email from **Cyn Macke, Vice President and Program Chair**, expressing the concerns of one of our former members regarding membership dues and why she hadn't renewed but continued to attend our programs. I thought this might be a good place and time to address the concerns expressed by this former member and clarify any misconceptions.

In 2006, at our Annual Meeting, the Board presented a budget built around an increase in Membership Dues from the Individual rate of \$45.00 per person to \$65.00. I was on the Board at that time and privy to the intense dialogue and scrutiny that this proposed rate increase underwent. It was no easy decision to raise the rate 44% but given the fact that there had not been an increase in dues for at least 10 years that anyone could remember or find documented, our rationale was to stop **subsidizing PMP (Per Member Payment)** at both the State and National Levels (**LWVCC collected \$45.00 PMP of which \$47.30 was the PMP to State and National – a difference of \$2.30 per member coming from LWVCC**); and to raise them enough that we would not have to come back to the membership for perhaps another 10 years for an increase. (Wishful thinking I am afraid; read on) The proposed increase was approved by the General Membership at our Annual Meeting in May 2006

effective with the dues for the 2006-2007 League year.

I found the following information on the LWVUS website regarding PMP.

LWVUS Field Support
Department
March 16, 2007
Per Member Payment
Information

Important Points to Remember: "The Per-Member Payment (PMP) is the way Leagues satisfy the requirement to support the national level of our three-level organization. The PMP is a major source of income for the LWVUS, providing partial support for advocacy, membership and organizational activities, The National Voter, convention and council, and national board and committee meetings. The LWVUS Board recognizes and appreciates the significant commitment Leagues make when they pay their PMP." The membership dues you pay at the local league level are used to satisfy the activities outlined above not only at our level but for the State and National as well. For the cost of only \$65.00 per year you are getting 3 memberships in one.

The following chart is a historical representation of how your dollars have been allocated and the projected allocation through the League's fiscal year 2010.

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12th Annual Suffragist Event



Honorees at the 12 Annual Suffragist Event: Denise Strimple, Karen Huff, Mary Sterling, Missy Deller, Betty Miskell, Jo Ann Martino, Lonna Kingsbury, June Izzi Bailey



Judge Jim Shriver



Emcee Sheree Paoello and Mia Supe



Emcee Sheree Paoello and Missy Deller



Keynote Speaker Professor Marianna Brown Bettman



State School Board Member Jane Sonenshein



Denise Strimple
2008 Orpha Gatch Suffragist Award Winner



US Representative Candidate David Krikorian and LWVCC President Cyndy Wright

PMP Allocation Comparison Chart 2005-2010					
Dues Collected/Allocated*	2005-2006	2006 - 2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
LWVUS PMP	\$ 25.80	\$ 26.30	\$ 26.80	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.20
LWVOH PMP	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 26.80
LWVCC PMP	\$ (2.30)	\$ 16.70	\$ 16.20	\$ 13.50	\$ 9.00
% to LWVCC	-5%	26%	25%	20%	14%
LWVUS PMP % Increase	-	2%	2%	4%	4%
LWVOH PMP % Increase	-	0%	0%	7%	14%
* Amount collected PMP	\$ 45.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00

The Clermont County League received 25% of your annual membership dues last year with that amount expected to decline to only 14% in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Alternating years at the State and National Conventions, PMP is under consideration for increases due to rising costs, inflation and the current state of the economy. As you can see the LWVOH has had to make significant increases for the next 2 years while holding steady the 3 previous years.

I believe that League membership dollars are probably the best value of any membership currently

available. The work at all levels, National, State and Local, is done by committed women and men who are working extremely hard to advocate, communicate and educate on all issues political. Much of the work is done by volunteers especially at the local level. The \$13.50 per member we keep in our treasury this year goes to provide educational materials for voting, voter registration, working with youth in the "Now You are 18" program, the Public Officials Guide, publication of *The Voter*, Candidate's forums, Leadership programs, www.lwvclermont.com, the Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award and 6-8

high-quality programs of interest that are presented to League members and members of the community at no additional charge. And your league has no paid positions, we have no lease or utility expense and even our Webmaster is a volunteer! (If you see Tom Rocklin, tell him thank you for his work with the LWVCC!)

Membership is a choice I hope you'll make. Being a League member has made a difference in my life. If you are a member, share this opportunity with people you care about who are looking to belong and make a difference. If you don't renew or come back

but you believe in what the League does, especially at the local level, consider a generous tax-deductible gift. Your check payable to the LWVOEF will benefit the Clermont County League and our continued grass-roots efforts in the community.

Individual League Membership: \$65.00 per year

Political Freedom, Voice and the Right to Vote: Priceless

In League,

Cyndy

President, LWVCC

Dinner with Cincinnati Area League

"Facts about Stable Integrated Neighborhoods"

Speaker: Al DeJarnett

Date: Monday, October 27, 2008

Location: Vernon Manor Hotel, 400 Oak Ave

Cost: \$25/dinner

Social Time 5:30 pm,

Dinner 6 pm,

Speaker 6:45 pm

Registration Deadline:

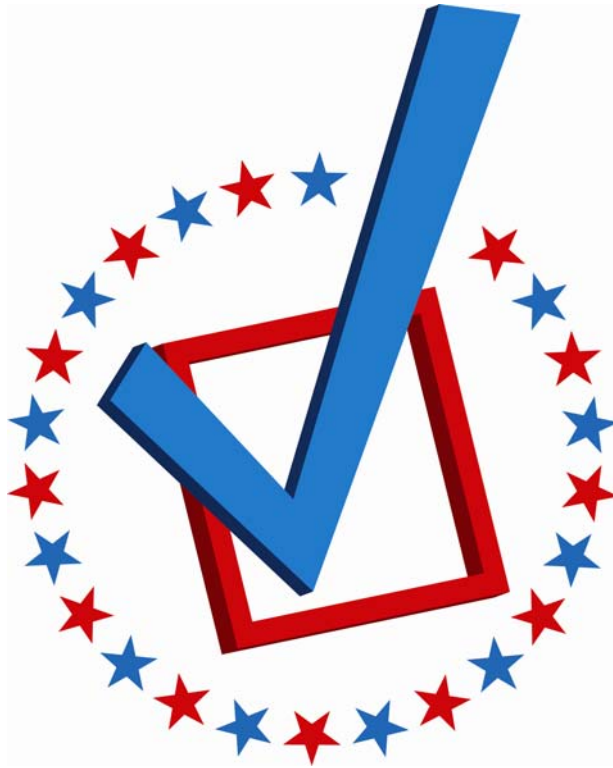
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February Program Agenda 360 Tied to September Survey

Agenda 360, the regional action initiative intended to transform Greater Cincinnati into a leading metro region for talent, jobs and economic opportunity by 20/20, will be the topic of the League's **February Program** presented by Kevin R. Ghassomian a lawyer with Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC and co-chair of Agenda 360. The goal of Agenda 360 is to zero in on a short list of priorities and develop a plan for implementation by the end of 2008. It will consist of action-oriented initiatives, complete with performance measurements to gauge progress.

In preparation for this program, please take 15 minutes, **before September 30th**, to join in with residents of Clermont, Butler, Warren and Hamilton counties in completing a community survey to give your input on how to transform Greater Cincinnati into a leading metropolitan region for talent, jobs and economic opportunity for all who call our region home. To take the survey, please go to Agenda 360's website, <http://www.cincinnati360.com>. If you do not have access to the internet and you would like to take the survey, please provide your fax number of mailing address to Cyn Macke at 553-7349.



The study of governmental issues is one of the basic functions of the League of Women Voters. Study is undertaken at national, state and local levels and leads to both education and advocacy. Of the three topics below, which do you think is best suited for an in-depth local study and League of Women Voters Clermont County position statement?

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

If you'd like to vote on the Study Topic, please mark your choice and mail the form to:
LWVCC

Study Topic Ballot
P.O. Box 733
Milford OH 45150

Or email Cyn Macke at isaacmacke@fuse.net by October 18, 2008. We will be announcing the topic and the League Study at our November 18th General Meeting.

TOP FIVE TIPS FOR DEBATE WATCHERS

Washington, DC - The League of Women Voters today released helpful tips for media and voters on watching and analyzing the upcoming presidential and vice-presidential debates. “We are at last reaching the home stretch of an election season marked by unprecedented length, intensity, and civic excitement,” said national League president Mary G. Wilson. “As we move into these final weeks, it is absolutely critical for the media and community leaders to encourage voters to watch the presidential and vice-presidential debates, and consider these five tips for getting the most out of their experience.”

TOP FIVE TIPS FOR DEBATE WATCHERS

Think Ahead-Before the debate, ask yourself which issues are most important to you, and jot down what you’d like to learn from each of the candidates.

Are They Answering the Question? *Pay attention to how the candidates answer the questions. Are they specific? Sincere? Knowledgeable?*

Keep Track of Topics-*Are the candidates being asked about your priority issues? Are the questions fair and pertinent?*

Talk it out! -*Afterwards, talk about the debate with your friends & family. Did the debate sway your decision? Did you learn something new about the candidates’ positions?*

VOTE on November 4th. *It is your best opportunity to make your voice heard and help shape the issues that affect all of us! VISIT VOTE411.org to prepare yourself.*

Find much more on our “[Debates 101](#)” page; including fun tips for hosting [debate-watching parties](#), all at www.LWV.org

“Debates are the final chance for candidates to rise above the clamor of attack ads, endless punditry and analysis, and engage in thoughtful debate about the competing challenges of reforming our education, healthcare, and environmental protection systems, strengthening our economy, and determining our place in the world,” Wilson concluded. “They are also the best opportunity for voters to see, first-hand, how each candidate responds to the tough issues facing the next tenant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.”

Clermont Chamber of Commerce October Government Affairs Program

Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner
On **Friday, October 3**, the Clermont Chamber invites you to attend the quarterly Legislative Luncheon featuring Ohio’s Chief Elections Officer, Jennifer Brunner. Secretary Brunner’s presentation will include a report on the progress of the major goals of the Secretary of State’s office with focus on restoring trust in Ohio’s election process. The luncheon will be held at 11:15 a.m. at Receptions Conference East. League of Women Voters members are welcome to attend at the Chamber member price of \$25.

County Commissioners Candidate Forum

On **Friday, October 24**, the Clermont Chamber in cooperation with the League of Women Voters presents a County Commissioner’s Candidate Forum at 7:30 a.m. at Receptions Conference East. Commissioner Candidates Ed Humphrey, Teresa Conover and Bob Proud have accepted this invitation to provide the community the opportunity to learn more about them. This candidate forum includes breakfast and the cost is \$15.

Advance registration is requested for both of these events at 576-5000 or www.clermontchamber.com.

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2008-09 General Meetings

- October 28th** Candidates & Issues Night
- November 18th** Conducting a Local Study
- December 16th** Holiday Party (TBD)
- January 27th** Homeland Security Working at Home - Beth Nevel, Director, County Emergency Services
Lelend Hite, President, Citizen Corps Council
- February 24th** Agenda 360
Kevin Gusonian
- 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)

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Enclose form with check payable to LWVCC:

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**With all our
Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathies are extended to long time LWV member Edith Martin and her family in the passing of her beloved mother.

Also, our sympathies to Mary Makley Wolf and her family in the loss of her father

We're on the Web
www.lwvclermont.com