

VOTER

Nominees for the 2008 Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award

June Izzi-Bailey

Melissa Deller

Karen Huff

Lonna Kingsbury

JoAnn Martino

Betty Miskell

Mary Sterling

Denise Strimple

12th Annual Suffragist Event

On September 18th, the League of Women Voters of Clermont County will be holding the 12th Annual Suffragist Dinner to honor exceptional women nominated for the Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award. This dinner celebration is a wonderful event, as anyone who attended the event in past years will tell you.

With acknowledgements to David Letterman and others who have popularized "Top Ten" lists, here are the top ten reasons (or at least the first ten we wrote down!) to attend the Suffragist Dinner:

10. What else are you going to do on a Thursday night in September before the new TV season begins?
9. Good food, good conversation, good people being recognized for doing good work as volunteers – sounds like a good thing!
8. Maybe you'll meet someone interesting or involved in an activity you might want to try.
7. Everyone who is anyone in Clermont County will

be there that night – so if you're "someone", you've got to be there too!

6. There are many other events during the year, but none quite like this one – because we bet you will learn a few things at the Suffragist Dinner that will be worth the cost of attending.
5. The women being honored will inspire you with what they have accomplished – and maybe provide the push you need to get off your couch, make that call, and get involved with something that will give real meaning to your life!
4. This is a big election year (you do know that, don't you?) and a great time to support your local League of Women Voters.
3. Remembering the suffragists, women who blazed the trail and changed the face of politics in the USA by fighting for the right of women to vote, is as important in today's world as ever, in a year that included a woman

running for President!

2. There will be a great MC – Sheree Paoello of Channel 5 News – and keynote speaker – Professor Marianna Brown Bettman – on the program. Everybody will be talking about them the next day, and if you're not there, you'll miss out!
1. It's fun, it's entertaining, it's inspirational, it's a fundraiser for a great organization and it's **THE** place to be on September 18th!

So don't forget, mark your calendars for **5:15 p.m. on September 18, 2008 at Receptions in Eastgate** for the League of Women Voters of Clermont County's Annual Suffragist Dinner. Check out the League's website (www.lwvclermont.com) for further information and register online or send your registration to the LWV Clermont, PO Box 733, Milford, OH 45150

Hope to see you there!

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Member Spotlight: Amy Brewer

2008 Suffragist Event Chair Extraordinaire...

Biography

Born: Amy Lynn (Schmudde) Brewer, Cincinnati, OH (Mercy Mariemont);

Date of Birth: 6/17/68

Married to Kenny Brewer

Children: Olivia Lane Brewer, (12);

Maxwell Lane Brewer, (10)



Tell us your "league" story. Why/How/Who got you involved? AB: Through working in Batavia as a paralegal I had the good fortune of meeting Priscilla O'Donnell and she introduced me to the League about 8 years ago.

Please define community. To me a community is more than just a group of people living in the same area. We are all neighbors and it's our responsibility to take care of our community. We have a responsibility to the elderly and to the children to make sure that they live in a safe environment. I think the citizens of Milford make a conscious effort to do just that. I'm proud to be a resident of the City of Milford.

How are you involved in your community? I am a member of Milford City Council, serving my third year. I serve as chair of the Public Services committee; sit on the Community Development committee; I am an executive member of the Valley View Foundation, and a member of the League of Women Voters. I am active with Bill Knepp in the Thursday Morning Gathering; and I try to stay involved in my children's schools and activities.

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

AB: Go boating! We love to boat on the river with the kids.

What is your favorite restaurant and where is it located? AB: It would be a tie between PF Chang's and Bravo's.

What was the last movie you saw in the movie theatre? AB: The Journey to the Center of the Earth - with kids!

What is your favorite holiday? AB: Since Halloween is not a holiday, Christmas. I

love the way the house looks when it's decorated.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?

AB: New Zealand.

What is your favorite television show? AB: Boston Legal.

Would you rather go to a Bengals game or a Reds game? AB: Definitely Bengals game.

What is your favorite vacation spot? AB: Anywhere that has a beach!

What was the last live concert you attended? AB: Sheryl Crow/John Mayer

What is the best gift you ever received? AB: I have received a lot of nice gifts over the years, including a car, jewelry, et cetera. However this past birthday is definitely one of my favorites. My girlfriend, Vanessa, and I went shopping and then went to a salon to get our hair done, and while it may not seem like a lot, it was just good quality girlfriend time. I truly had a great day!

The Voter Online

Beginning with the October edition of *The Voter*, if you have a valid email address, we will be sending *The Voter* to you via email. It will be coming in a PDF file in full color just as you have become accustomed to over the past year. If you do not have a valid email address on file with LWVCC, you will be receiving *The Voter* via U.S. mail, but in black and white copy. You can also access current and previous issues of *The Voter* on our website at www.lwvclermont.com.

We are taking these steps as a matter of saving printing costs and postage. Please send an email to our Voter Editor, Nancy Middleton, at nancy@theprintingplaceinc.com to update your email address or you can call her at 513-248-9004. It is our desire to make this publication informative and timely so if you have any ideas or thoughts that you'd like to see, please feel free to contact Nancy, Cyndy Wright, or any Board Member! We welcome your participation. Be Engaged! At every level.

Cyndy's Corner...

Greetings everyone! I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer. Once again, it has flown by much too quickly and autumn is right around the corner.

What does autumn bring to your League, your Community and your Nation? Fall brings an unprecedented Presidential election to the forefront where record-breaking voter turn out is expected locally and around the country. Have you ever considered being a Poll Worker? We have included in this *Voter* an article by LWVCC member, Judy Miller, Clermont County Board of Elections, for the push to recruit new poll workers. There is still time to sign up and perform a much needed and very important civic duty for the November election and beyond.

Fall brings local issues to the ballot as well. There are races for the 2nd District Congressional Seat, County Commissioner, State Issues and referendums and various levies, too. Voter registration will go full tilt again as it did prior to the primary with the deadline of October 4th to register to Vote in the election on November 4th.

Please plan on attending the 12th Annual Suffragist Dinner on September 18, 2008 at Receptions, Eastgate at 5:15 p.m.

This edition of *The Voter* is dedicated to highlighting this prestigious event. We will spotlight 8 honorees with one of these special Clermont County women being named the 12th recipient of the Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award. The Suffragists Committee has been hard at work since spring making this event the best ever. It is our only Fundraising event. Show your support for the League, bring a friend and make your reservations now by sending in your R.S.V.P. or registering online at www.lwvclermont.com. I'll see you there.

And I leave you with one question: How will you make a difference in your league this year? How do you plan on becoming involved? You are the reason we are here and without you, we fail to exist. Be informed. Be engaged. We need you and your participation to achieve our mission and goals as an organization in the days to come.

Respectfully Yours In League,

Cyndy Wright, President

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The History of Voting Rights Suffrage/ franchise - voting rights

Restrictions on Voting

Religious beliefs, property ownership, tax payment, race and sex.

- Originally state's power over the fight to vote has gradually been assumed by the Federal Government.

Timeline of Changes

1789 - white male property owners
1819 - eliminated religious test for voting
1829 - all white males could vote

1870 - 15th amendment protected any citizen from being denied the right to vote because of the race or color
1920 - 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote
1961 - 23rd Amendment voters in the District of Columbia could vote for the president
1964 - 24th Amendment eliminated a poll tax
1965 - Voting Rights Act of 1965 Eliminated literacy test
1971 - 26th Amendment voting age to eighteen years of age

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**2008 General Meetings
and Programs**

September 18, 2008 - 12th Annual Suffragist Event
Location: Receptions East • Time: 5:15

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or mail reservations to
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**Make your
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early for the
12th Annual
Suffragist
Event**

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: _____

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